Education Week

This week we are celebrating Education Week with a K-12 assembly, which will be conducted at 10.15am on Thursday, 30th July. The assembly will be held in the Secondary Hall. We will be entertained by student performances plus students will be recognised for their achievements thus far.

The theme of this year’s Education Week is ‘Celebrating Local Heroes’. We have invited David Ridgewell to present a keynote address to the assembly. We will also be acknowledging and praising the tireless work of our community organisations and volunteers as a thank you for the wonderful help they give our school. Manilla Central is the beneficiary of many magnificent service groups and volunteers, therefore it is important that we take this opportunity to acknowledge them and say thank you.

Parent Interviews (Secondary)

We will be conducting our Parent Teacher Interviews tomorrow (Tuesday, 28th July) from 5.30pm until 7.00pm in the Secondary Library and Language Room. We look forward to seeing you here and supporting our school and your child through your presence. As with previous years, parents will be presented with their child’s report as they arrive at the interviews.

Reports (to be picked up at the interviews)

Unfortunately, we have experienced major issues with our Network. This has caused sections of our school to be without internet. It has prevented teachers from accessing school documents from our intranet. It has caused glitches in our reporting system, thus preventing the reports to be printed in Week One. They are mostly ready now, however there are still a couple of reports that will require adjustments. We can only apologise and grit our teeth whilst we are having these technicalities addressed.

Congratulations State Athletes

Last Friday, our Secondary Athletics Team attended the North West Athletics Carnival in Tamworth. Although, our athletes had to participate in very trying wet, windy and cold conditions, we are excited to announce that four of students have made it through to the State Athletics Championships. These students are Taylor Skelton, Laura Stackman, Connor Bracken and Bailey Adams.
NAIDOC Celebrations

We had a terrific day last Wednesday as we celebrated our rich indigenous culture. The day commenced with a K-12 assembly, which was highlighted by guest speaker and good friend, Mrs Stella Lamb, who talked about this year’s theme; ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. This theme was also by student speakers Jocelyn Heywood, Nicole Bradley and Anthony Spires who emphasised the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. Our Primary choir sang beautifully as they were accompanied by secondary students on instruments. Several students from each class were presented with an award at a K-12 assembly.

We were then joined by our local pre-school and long day care centre for some delicious cake, which was made by the Manilla Bakery, before our students were entertained by Adam Hill, who is a cultural entertainer.

We like to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Ferguson and Ms Eagles for the day’s organisation and, let’s not forget, Mrs Nist for organising our performer.

The day was overseen by our Aboriginal Advisory Committee, which at this stage consists of Mrs Bevitt, Mrs Beale, Mrs Allen and Mr Freestone. We meet on Thursdays in Week 5 of each term from 2.00 – 3.00 in the afternoon in the Primary and we would like to invite others from our school community to join us then.

Award winners:
Primary – Taniel Rae, Patrick Ratcliffe, Kaesha Cash, Zantara Stanton-Sing, William Lake, Sharnie Perry, Phoebe Riley, Trudie Ison, Casey Adams, Angela McCubbin, Alex Gregson, Holly Wagstaff, Rhianna Crockett, Charlotte Good, Lewis Ebzery, Bailey Russell, Julian Ovington, Charlotte McKay, Jemarli Dallas, Eva-Mae Davies, Laura Carter, Jayce Tavo, Bryce Rutland-Bergquist, Callum Cocking.

Above: Phoebe Riley, Bailey Russell, Boady Russell and Brock Russell dressed in their Aboriginal colours. Below: (Left) Mrs Dian Allen cutting the cake with High School Captains, Lauren McNeill and Marshall Fletcher
Above: Award winners. Top – Infants, Middle – Primary, Bottom – High School

"Left: Performer Adam Hill – “Adamriginal”
ICAS English

We would like to wish 30 of our students who are sitting the ICAS English exams on Tuesday the very best. The International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills based assessment with elements of competition. Our students will match their skills against other students from New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Region. We have had amazing results in these competitions in the past with our students attaining Distinctions and Credits.

Soccer Success

Congratulations to Year 6 student, Meegan Taylor, who has been selected in the Northern Inland Football Under 12’s State Championships Squad. The team is to play at Coffs Harbour in September this year. Congratulations Meegan and Good luck.

Uniform Award

Congratulations to Cooper Leonard for winning last week’s Primary Uniform Award.

School Phone Numbers

We have been experiencing some difficulty with our school telephones lately. The following numbers may be useful for people dialling in:

Primary Department: 6785-1599
Secondary Department: 6785-1184 or 6785-1678
Super Hero Day

On Friday students in Kindergarten were extremely excited to get dressed up in their favourite superhero costumes to attend a fundraiser for Bear Cottage held at the Pre-school. They enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle and were involved in a number of super hero activities.

Thank you to the Pre-school for organising a fun day to support a worthwhile cause.
Title: Nowhere Boys
Author: Elise McCredie

Summary: Four teenage boys are hiking in the bush when they are caught in a freak storm. After surviving the night, the boys expect a hero’s welcome, but instead they find that nobody knows who they are. Not their family. Not their friends. They are faced with a town of blank faces and are trapped in a world where they don't exist. Sam, Jake and Andy are desperate to right their lives. They need to figure out how to make things go back to the way they used to be. Only Felix is conflicted: there are certain things about this new world that he likes. But as they grapple with their situation, it becomes clear that other things have been disturbed. A dark force has been unleashed and suddenly the situation becomes desperate. The boys must find a way to right their lives before evil destroys

Suitable for Lower to Mid Secondary.

Is there is 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

Canteen Menu (Primary & Secondary)

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Soup Available Every Day
Large - $5.00
Small - $3.00
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER - DAFFODIL DAY

Cancer has touched the lives of many in our community. The Manilla Golf Club members are hosting an evening of chatting, grazing, music (Par 3), dancing and fundraising activities to aid the Cancer Council in conducting research and assisting patients with support.

Get your friends together; wear something yellow - a little or a lot- and join the fun on:

Friday, 28th August
From 6.30p.m.
At the Manilla Golf Club
With finger food
Tickets $20.00 available from Purtle Plevey

Please note: 18 years and over (licensed premises)
Succeeding in Science

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.

Facts about Tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it’s also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.

Public Speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.

Science Starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

COMING EVENTS - WEEK 3

EDUCATION WEEK – ‘CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES’

Mon, 27th Jul  -

Tue, 28th Jul  English ICAS
            Year 7-10 Parent/Teacher – 5.30 – 7.00pm

Wed, 29th Jul  1P – Attunga, CWA Day

Thu, 30th Jul  Education Week Assembly – Hall – 10.15am

Fri, 31st Jul  K-6 Athletics Carnival @ High School

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