Welcome back to all students and families for the 2017 school year. A special welcome to new families joining our school community. It has been a great start to the year with students returning and settling in well with a genuine excitement and enthusiasm. Students have enjoyed catching up with friends and also forming new friendships throughout the week.

Students have been getting to know the routines and expectations of their learning areas and have been establishing class agreements outlining the rights and responsibilities of each student. It is great to see students representing the school in full school uniform with pride.

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Reminder of Prep Attendance Times:
- **Thursday and Friday 3rd of February** - Shorter Days 9.00am-1.00pm
- From Next Monday 6th February they attend full days with Wednesday off
- From Tuesday 14th March they will attend 5 days a week (following Labour Day)

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The selection process for 2017 School Captains and House Captains will take place over the next couple of weeks with announcements and presentations to follow at a special assembly on a date to be advised.

### SPECIALIST CLASSES

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### 2017 SCHOOL FEES

The School Council has set the 2017 fee payment at $220 per child for the year which consists of: $115 student requisites, $25 photocopying and $80 excursions/visiting schools performances.

This price is very reasonable compared to kindergarten and other primary school fees.

### CSEF:

Any parent who produces a current Health Care Card or Pension Card at the office will be able to claim $125 per child. The $80 excursion levy will be covered by the CSEF (Camps, Sport, Excursion Fund). Total amount of fees for CSEF families will be $140. The remaining $45 of the CSEF levy can only be used for camps, sports and excursions when they occur e.g. swimming.

Forms are available at the office to complete in the 2017 school year. To be eligible for this fund (CSEF) you need a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

All families must please visit the school office for all your paperwork for 2017.

### 2017 TERM DATES

**TERM 1**
- Tuesday 31st January to Friday 31st March.

**TERM 2**
- Monday 18th April to Friday 30th June.

**TERM 3**
- Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September

**TERM 4**
- Monday 9th October to Friday 22nd December

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From The Principal’s Desk

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**You Can Do It**

Shane Ezard, Principal
From the Principal’s Desk Continued

For Low income families other Commonwealth Government Support that may be accessed depending on your individual situation are: Family Tax Benefits A & B, Schoolkids Bonus, Centre Pay (regular deductions).

SUNSMART POLICY
As a Sunsmart school all students are required to wear an approved school hat for all outdoor activities during terms 1 and 4. Hats are available from the office at the cost of $9. NO HAT, NO PLAY.

WATER ONLY SCHOOL
A reminder that we are an accredited “water only” school. Water being the standard drink with soft drink and juices only on special occasions.

ASTHMA ACTION PLANS & MEDICATION
All asthma medication (puffers) and action plans need to be renewed every year. Please make sure that you have an updated asthma plan for 2017 given to the school office with your medication. We need this paperwork so we are able to administer medication when the children require it, otherwise we cannot administer medication without the correct paperwork.

Asthma Action Plans available at the office.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to past student and our 2016 School Captain Maia Durran for winning Geelong Young Leader Award- Primary section. Well done Maia!

Student Banking

Student banking is back for 2017! Starting next week, Thursday 9th February 2017.

This year’s theme is Future Savers! So as ‘Future Savers’, students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

If you are interested in joining school banking all you need to do is open an account with the Commonwealth Bank and bring in your deposit book into school every Thursday. Please come to the office if you have any questions or to receive an information pack for this year!

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All Abilities Cricket
Want to play cricket? Come along and find out more about how you can get involved with Manifold Heights Cricket Club.

Free come and try sessions and lots of fun activities.

Players and their families welcome.

Female players encouraged to play.

AA-League Geelong

What: All Abilities Cricket

Where: Hurst Reserve, 30 Douglas Street, Herne Hill

When: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Wednesday 8th February 2017

Wednesday 15th February 2017

Time: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

For more information contact Julie Allan – Cricket Victoria Development Manager 0409 018 076 or Nathan Rabbits – Manifold Heights Cricket Club Junior Coordinator, 0403 841 453

The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1991, Commonwealth Bank’s School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and spending money wisely.

For over 10 years, a fun-filled adventure in store. Students will join the Dollarmites in a brand new mission to reach the Savings Hover Park, a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards:

School Banking continues to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour and this year we’re introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two new releases every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Football and Colour Changing Marbles. Your child can collect one of these limited items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commonwealth.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year’s Rewards Card. On our website you’ll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker so your child can keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo DisneyLand!

The Dollarmites Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student or a family to Tokyo DisneyLand. If you are interested in a trip to Tokyo DisneyLand and Tokyo DisneySea, including the tropical Tsumtsumland attractions, then you will need to:

Take part in the Dollarmites competition

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Woof! THURSDAY is School Banking day!