

# Manilla Central School



## Newsletter



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### *Dear MCS Students, Families, Staff and Community,*

Our learning adventures never stop at Manilla Central School. We have had a busy term with excursions, workshops, examinations, awards, Kindergarten and High School transition and community service. A big thank you to our superstars for engaging so positively in all activities and staff for their continued dedication in providing wonderful educational opportunities for our students.

Today we celebrate Kindergarten Transition with a graduation ceremony. Our lovely 2023 Kindy students have been an absolute delight and we are so looking forward to having these stellar children with us every day. Thank you Mrs Alston and support staff for ensuring a positive start to formal schooling for the children.

Year 6 into 7 students enjoyed a day of sampling the wide range of educational experiences on offer at our secondary campus. Students had a wonderful time making delicious pizzas, exploring our agriculture plot, sampling their photographic skills and Science Lab experiments. It was lovely to meet with parents and students to welcome them to High School and show them our outstanding facilities. Thank you to Mr Connors and staff for your organisation and support.

K-6 celebrated a year of learning success at our awards assembly last Thursday. Class awards were presented, and an amazing forty-one students received their platinum award for 2023. We are so proud to have such excellent role models in our school and we look forward to even more students attaining this award next year. I was privileged to share delightful conversation and lunch with these wonderful people. 82 Students achieved PBL Gold awards and were rewarded with a day in Tamworth at ten-pin bowling and the adventure playground. There were several comments about the beautiful manners and conduct of our students. Thank you team MCS for a wonderful celebratory week.



K-6 Platinum Award Winners

### *Awards and Presentation Day*

*7-12 Secondary Awards -  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am*

*K-12 Presentation Day -  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am*

**Manilla Community**  
**Christmas Carols**  
**Monday 5 December**  
Manilla Primary Central School  
under the Cola area  
(in the event of rain Manilla Central School Multi-Purpose Centre)  
BBQ and refreshments from 5.30pm  
Carols starting at 6:30pm with a special guest appearance

*Merry Christmas*  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
**Tamworth**

Children must be supervised at all times, thank you

Healthy Harold and the Life Education team visited us last week. Students engaged in learning about good health, safety, and wellbeing. It is of paramount importance that our children have the skills and knowledge to make good personal and social decisions. Thanks Healthy Harold for coming to visit us!

Congratulations to our show cattle team who competed in the 2022 Northern Schools Competition. The event was held here in our town and hosted hundreds of competitors. Well Done team for representing your school with pride.

Miss Wrightson and Mr Smith took our Year 11 students to Thalgarrah for their 'Life Ready' excursion. This programme is a compulsory part of our students' preparation for the Higher School Certificate. Students and staff had a wonderful time working together and building skills to manage the challenges of completing school and life beyond the school gates. Well Done, Seniors!

Stage Two students had a fabulous adventure visiting Dubbo for their overnight excursion. There were so many highlights, but the animals at the zoo were the big hit. Well done parents and students, for many this was the first trip away from family, so brave! Thank you Mr Scott, Mrs Hawley, Mr Bell, Mr Jones and Miss Carrigan for your support and care of our children.

This Thursday, 8th December at 10.00am we will be celebrating the 2022 achievements of our 7-12 students in the multi-purpose centre at the High School Campus. Students are to be in full uniform. We look forward to seeing students' families and supporters.

Next Thursday, 15th December we will be hosting our K-12 Presentation Day at 10.00am at the multi-purpose centre at the High School Campus. Our sincere thanks to the many generous sponsors who support our students in acknowledging success, effort and excellence. We look forward to sharing this special event with you.

Mrs Jones and her Stage 5 project group catered for and hosted High Afternoon Tea for the wonderful residents of Manaelle lodge. Well done everyone!

This Thursday, 8th December, the canteen will be closed at the Primary Campus. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Manilla Community Christmas Carols will be held this evening under the COLA at the primary campus. The Manilla Swimming Club are running a BBQ from 5.30pm with carols to begin at 6.30pm. I have heard on the grapevine that there may be someone coming all the way from the northern hemisphere to visit the beautiful children of Manilla. We look forward to seeing you all, coming together to celebrate as a community.

In brilliant news, we are thrilled to announce that Year 11 student, Huntah Hawkins, is the overall winner of the "Shine Arts Prize" for his drone photography composition titled, "Purple and Yellow". Huntah's beautiful work was inspired by his study of the Bauhaus movement in Mr Galloway's Visual Arts class. Huntah travelled to Sydney on the weekend to receive his award and has been interviewed by ABC North-West on this sensational achievement. We will advertise the links on our Facebook page. Please take the time to check out Huntah's profile on the 'Shine Arts prize' webpage. We are unbelievably proud of you Huntah, well done. A thank you also to our fabulous staff for your encouragement and support of Huntah's passion.

<https://www.icare.nsw.gov.au/injured-or-ill-people/shine-arts-prize/online-exhibition-2022>

Finally, to our beautiful Mrs Julie Leeson, get better, we miss your lovely face.

To all, be kind and stay safe.

I begin, I strive, I achieve

Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learners

Warm Regards,

*Rachael Ferguson*

*Relieving Principal*

## ***K/1 Blizzard News***

K/1 Blizzard have had a busy Term 4 consolidating their learning and securing strategies that will allow them to become successful readers and mathematicians. Our daily Phonics activities have supported students' confidence to spell new words using their knowledge of phonemes. Students have built a large bank of high frequency words which helps them in both the reading and writing process. We have read a variety of books that helps us identify the purpose of writing. We have enjoyed writing our own imaginative and persuasive texts.

K/1 Blizzard are becoming confident mathematicians. Students have participated in hands on learning activities that allow consolidation of concepts being taught. They are beginning to realise the importance of 'reasoning' when sharing their answers and just how important the language of Mathematics is.

In Art, students have used a variety of materials other than a paintbrush to produce original pieces of Art.

I would like to thank the parents and carers of K/1 Blizzard for their ongoing support throughout 2022.

## ***PBL Gold Award Celebrations***

On Friday we had 82 students travel to Tamworth for a day to celebrate and reward their hard efforts throughout the year for being Safe, Respectful and Responsible learners and achieving our PBL Gold Award.

Students attended Tamworth Ten Pin and More, where they bowled and played on the centre's arcade games. A massive "thank-you" to Joanne and the team at Tamworth Ten Pin and More for providing us with a fantastic time, we thoroughly enjoyed your hospitality.

Students also attended the Adventure Playground at Tamworth's Bicentennial Park where they enjoyed the amazing playground facilities that are on offer.

A massive "thank-you" to all students who attended the day, demonstrating the reasons why they were awarded the Gold Level award this year.

Finally, another "thank-you" to the staff who attended the day with the students in order to reward their achievements.

Let's aim to have 100 students reach this level next year so we can share these amazing experiences with more of the school!

*Mr Scott*

*(Assistant Principal)*

## ***Primary House Captains***

2023 Primary House Captains Voting will  
take place in Week 9.

# Connecting through Creativity

Your story through art



The *Shine* Arts Prize was developed to showcase the artistic talent within Lifetime Care and Workers Care and to recognise the role of art in maintaining wellbeing.

## ◀ Overall winner

### Huntah Hawkins

**Category** Visual arts

**Title** *Drone selfie, Shapes from above, Purple and yellow*

**Medium** *Photography*

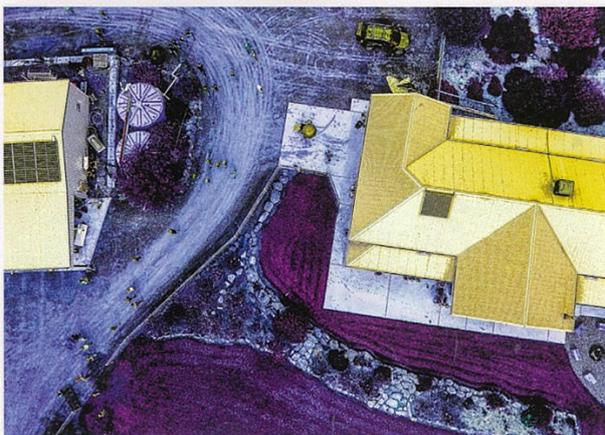


Huntah, 18, became interested in art at Manilla Central School. He finds freedom of expression through modern technologies such as cameras and drones, and draws inspiration from his love of landscape.

“Art is important to me,” he says, “because I get a sense of self accomplishment. I always feel happy when I am doing art, especially with the drone.”

“My advice to those who might like to give art a go is to just do it. It doesn’t matter if you don’t think you can as long as you’re having fun and enjoying it.”

Huntah will put the \$2000 prize money toward a cruise to New Zealand where he plans to take more amazing drone pictures.



**Top:** “I took this picture of myself as I like the way the drone can capture images from above that you can’t normally see. I thought it looked unusually abstract for a selfie.”

**Centre:** “I like the beauty in this drone shot with its different lines, shapes, textures and colours all coming together.”

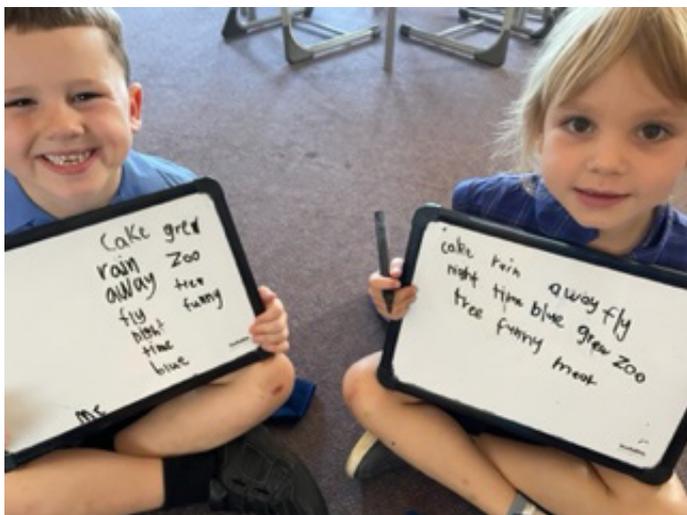
**Bottom:** “This photo was taken at a property where my school was in a cross-country event. I particularly liked the garden and house positioning from above. I changed the colours to give it a bit of an out-there Bauhaus feel.”



## Year 6 to 7 Transition



## K-1 Blizzard



# K-6 Awards Assembly



# Life Ready Camp



## Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion



## K-6 Gold Party



**Manilla Central School  
P & C Association**

**SOCK FUNDRAISER**



on sale  
**Tuesday 6th December at Break 1**  
Primary & Secondary  
various sizes & patterns  
**\$5 per pair**



**Christmas in  
the Park**

**Rotary Park - Manilla**  
**17th December from 5:30 pm**

*All the old favourites are back!*  
BBQ, Cold Drinks, Snow Cones,  
Chocolate Wheel (with Hams, Cakes,  
Chooks prizes), Fairy Floss and Raffles.

*Santa and live music*



**Primary Canteen**

*This Thursday, 8th December, the canteen will be closed at the Primary Campus.*

*Thank you in advance for your understanding.*

**Canteen**

The Canteen wish to advise that there will be some price rises on the canteen menu in 2023.

**Primary Library**



Borrowing for 2022 has now ceased in the Primary Library. Could students please return all books to the library as soon as possible.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**Term 4, Weeks 9 & 10**

We are learning to use safe, respectful, responsible behaviours during eating time.



**COMING EVENTS - Week 9**  
**Week A**

Mon, 5 Dec	Kindy Transition 9.10 - 1.30pm Carols - 5.30pm BBQ - 6.30pm Carols
Tue, 6 Dec	Primary House Captain Voting P&C Fundraiser Jolly Soles Socks Stage 3 CPR Presentation
Wed, 7 Dec	-
Thu, 8 Dec	Year 7-12 Awards Assembly Year 6 Graduation - Bowlo - 6.00pm
Fri, 9 Dec	Primary Platinum Celebration

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