# 2017- SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td><strong>END OF TERM 1</strong></td>
<td>Friday 31/3</td>
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**PLEASE NOTE:** AMENDED DATES FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR and ADDED DATES FOR SCHOOL CALENDAR, please amended your school calendar accordingly, thank you.

- **Class 5 Parent Information Night:** This Thursday 23/2/17 7pm Delatite Hotel
- **Class 5 Indian Feast Night:** Wednesday 8/3/17 6pm at school
- **Collingwood Players visit:** Wednesday 15th March
- **Local Schools Harmony Day:** Tuesday 21st March at school
- **Local Schools Cross Country Run:** **Friday 2nd June**
- **End of Year Music Concert at the PAC:** **Wednesday 6th December**
Thank you to all the teachers, parents and students who supported the Mansfield Steiner School at the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo on the weekend. The school had a stall presenting information about Steiner Education and in particular, Steiner Education in Mansfield. Members of the Performance Orchestra entertained a large crowd in one of the food courts over lunchtime. Their performance was impressive and was certainly enjoyed by the audience.

It was an interesting experience overseeing the school information stall. People stopped to ask questions about the display for many and varied reasons: some admired the colours of the wool or the quality of the materials used by the students, others looked at the work or the photos, some had not heard of Steiner Education or if they had they were unaware there was a Steiner school in North East Victoria, many were families or teachers from other Steiner Schools in Victoria and a few had been to Steiner schools overseas. One man said he had been to a Steiner School in South Africa and that it was the happiest time of his life.

The success of school events does depend on the involvement of the whole school community. As there are many voluntary organisations that families are involved in, we don’t want to exhaust any goodwill. This year instead of the P and F organising all the activities on the school calendar, each Class will be assigned an event. This is a model used by other Steiner schools to prevent small group burnout. Running an event should not be onerous, but each class parent will be asked to make some contribution. The Class teacher will work with parents to ensure it is a smooth, efficient and enjoyable experience. These are the events assigned to each class.

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<td>Harvest Dance</td>
<td>Friday March 24th</td>
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<td>Bike Ride to Maindample</td>
<td>Saturday April 29th</td>
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<td>Friday May 26th</td>
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<td>Open Day</td>
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<td>Christmas Festival BBQ</td>
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If you have any ideas to add please contact your class teacher.

We are looking forward to the swimming carnival on Friday. It promises to be a warm day with lots of activities planned with the emphasis on participation and fun in the water. There will be a parents’ race so bring your bathers.

Fran Cummins
Principal

**SWIM CARNIVAL – Classes 1 -8 – Friday 24th February 12 – 3pm at the Mansfield Pool**

Every student has been placed in a team; we encourage your child to wear team colours to build up team spirit and to contribute to the festive atmosphere of the day. **PARENT HELPERS are needed on the day please let Lou Pullar know as soon as possible if you can assist loup@mrssk.vic.edu.au**

**PARENT are also invited to participate in a fun, parent relay……bring your bathers and join in the fun!**
THE GRAPEVINE:
MORNING STAR:
Not submitted.

ROSA MUNDI:
The Rosa Mundi children had a lovely visit to Bindaree on Thursday to share their morning circle and join the residents in their weekly singalong. The residents loved our collection of seasonal sea songs and even a few joined in with “One two three four five once I caught a fish alive” which was also a class favourite. We have been enjoying tomatoes and capsicum from our veggie patch with our fruit for morning tea and had lots of fun making twisties using the balls of wool we rolled in our last craft session. We are very thankful to Andy and Dan for installing guttering and connecting our new water tank to the sandpit roof. Now we can’t wait for it to rain so that tour tank fills and we have water right next to the sandpit to play with.

CLASS 1:
Class 1 have been full of enthusiasm listening to the stories to introduce the alphabet. They are take great care with their main lesson books and are all working well. Recorder bags are well on their way which they are busily sewing in craft. Thanks to Lou Jenkins for filling in for me last Wednesday.

CLASS 2:
Not submitted

CLASS 3:
Class 3 are beginning their new Farm Maths main lesson today. They were busy making sheep out of play dough to create their own farm and with cooking on as well it has been a big day in the kitchen.

CLASS 4:
“We have been completing our Aboriginal Traditions and Culture Main Lesson this week. This Main Lesson entailed revisiting grammar and punctuation as well as some creative writing. We also learnt some traditional songs and a poem by an Indigenous person. We look forward to our excursion to the Benalla Indigenous Gardens on Monday, where we will also go to the Art Gallery to see three exhibitions and participate in an artistic activity. Please be at school at 8.50am on Monday as we will leave no later than 9am.”

CLASS 5:
Not submitted

CLASS 6:
Last week students continued to learn about geology and looking at minerals, and crystals in class. We took an excursion to Merrijig to explore our local area and most the students went home with a fossil that was a few hundred million years old. Most of the class was out swimming on Thursday and hopefully had a great time. We will be finishing our Main Lesson on Monday before we head off on our Horse Camp on Tuesday. We are very lucky to be surrounded by such amazing landscapes and to be able to go on amazing camps so close to home.

CLASS 7&8:
Class 7 and 8 had another positive and fruitful week. The students continued to enjoy the adventures of King Arthur during Main Lesson, often producing outstanding written and illustrative work. It was particularly pleasing to see the students’ progress in P.E, where their volleyball skills improved out of sight and all students keenly participated in the games.
PREP REQUEST
The Rosa Mundi children are looking for offcuts of white pvc pipe and connective joiners to play with in the sandpit. If you have any to spare please contact Ariel.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE
All parent helpers at the kindergarten and school must have a Working With Children card. There is no charge for a ‘volunteer’ WWC. You can register online and just provide us with a receipt of application. We will receive a paper record of your card if you nominate the school on the application. Please ensure you apply for a WWC card if you would like to assist in your child’s classroom or on excursions etc., thank you. See http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

CLASS ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE
Monday 27/2/17 Class 3
Monday 6/3/17 Class 2
Monday 20/3/17 Class 5
Tuesday 14/3/17 Class 1
Monday 27/3/17 Class 6

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS
EARLY IN THE YEAR the class teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss the year ahead with parents. Discussion nights are planned as follows and all parents are expected to attend.

Morning Star Parent Information Night
Class 3 Parent Information Night Tuesday 21/2 7pm in the classroom
Class 4 Parent Information Night Wednesday 22/2 7pm in the classroom
Class 5 Parent Information Night Tuesday 28/2 7pm in the classroom
Class 6 Parent Information Night Wednesday 8/3 7pm in the classroom
Class 7&8 Parent Information Night Tuesday 14/3 7pm in the classroom

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS who made it through to the next round in District Swim Trials in Seymour on 28th February - Joe Tehan, Lilith Houston-Damic, Asha Foubister, Abby Wettenhall, Kendra Male, Jessica Cassels.

CLASS 1 – 8 SWIM CARNIVAL  Friday 24/2/17 12 – 3pm
Your child will need bathers, towel, sunhat, sunscreen, lunch, water bottle. Please note: the children must take a spare t-shirt or rash vest as they are at the pool in the hot sun.

CARNIVAL  All students must return to school following swimming as it still falls within the parameters of the school day and the school has a duty of care for their supervision. To comply with child safe regulations, teachers cannot leave students at the pool on their own. They are required to release the students into the care of an adult parent/carer (if this arrangement has been made with the teacher). Students must be signed out at the end of the carnival with class teacher if your child is remaining or leaving directly from the pool.

SCHOOL COOKING PROGRAM
JANINE WOULD LOVE SOME LEMONS for the school cooking program, if you can supply them please drop them into the school, thank you!
PARENTS & FRIENDS

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN the craft group now held in the evening on Thursdays.
Our next meeting will be at Eileen Wettenhall’s – 8 Links Rd, Mansfield.
Please call Eileen if you have any queries on 0488555952
Date: 23 February 2017 Time: 7-9pm
Material will be supplied but please bring your spectacles, scissors and needles if you have any.
There will be a range of craft available - needlework, knitting and crochet. Anyone welcome. No experience required.  Eileen Wettenhall (Craft Group Coordinator)

CRAFT GROUP would like any donations of wool that you can offer, thank you.

STEINER PARENTS READING GROUP

STARTS AGAIN FOR 2017 IN THE LIBRARY AT 3.40-4.40pm ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS. I have been a parent at the school for 18 years and I have completed the Wednesday night Steiner teacher training. This term we will be continuing with festivals and their meanings and why we celebrate Easter in a Steiner School. Everyone is welcome. Regards Sarah Tehan.

CRADLE OF A HEALTHY LIFE

Early Childhood and the whole of life.
Lecture readings and Q&A discussion will commence on Saturday 4th March at 1.30pm to approx 3pm in the Rosa Mundi room. We will read Dr Johanna Steegman’s lectures over 3 consecutive weeks, and continue after the Easter break. These lectures explore the development of the human being, which the Steiner curriculum is designed to support.
Contact Ishe Boge on 0488 259 571 to register attendance and for further information.

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Do you wonder about the relationship you have with your child? The quality, time spent with them, connection & behaviour?

If you would like to discuss this or any other aspect of parenting please come and talk to one of our family counsellors at:
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10 Davies Street, Mansfield
Phone 5775 8601