MANORVALE MAIL



ISSUE 13 – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

- **20** Yr 6 Safe Journeys Excursion
- **23** P-6 Italian Incursion
- **23** Assembly @ 2:30 in Gym
- **30** 2027 Prep Transition @ 9:40

RESPECTFUL
WE ARE KIND AND FAIR, WE LISTEN AND CARE.

RESPONSIBLE
WE COME READY, WE DO OUR PART. WE MAKE GOOD CHOICES FROM THE START.

RESILIENT
WE TRY AND NEVER QUIT, WE LEARN FROM IT.

ASPIRING
WE ALWAYS TRY, WE AIM HIGH.

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

Manorvale Mighty Meals program is moving ahead quite quickly. We are in the process of hiring a chef and a kitchen hand. The commercial kitchen will be completed by the end of the year, and we are lucky to have donors wanting to support our program which reduces the cost to families.
We are predicting the costs will be $3 a day per child and families commit to a 2-week meals program. This is a sample menu; the menu will be made with families and students' preferences on a 2-week schedule.

ASSEMBLY DATES AND TIMES

Assembly will be held in the Gym in weeks 3,5,7,9 and on the last week of term. These will be at 2:30 every fortnight. Assembly on the last day of school will be 1pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA – SCHOOL INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

We have started our Instagram and Facebook pages. Please find and follow us for insights into the school and events that are happening.

ATTENDANCE

"Rise and Shine, 8:30 is the time"
It is important for students to be here at 8:30am for classes to begin at 8:40am. If your child comes after 8:40am they need to go to the office to get a late pass.

BUILDINGS

We have brick walls, windows and doors. The plaster and insulation are in, and the joinery fit out will commence in the coming weeks!

The furniture is being ordered, and the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area has been designed and will be built in the coming weeks.





Kind Regards,
Brianna



Manorvale PS

Manorvale Mighty Meals

Only $3 a day per child

NUTRITIOUS • DELICIOUS • FUEL FOR LEARNING

Our Mighty Meals program provides students with healthy, tasty and balanced meals each day, helping them stay energised, focused and ready to learn.

Healthy food, happy learners!

Sample Menu

Our menu changes regularly and is created with fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Monday

Morning Tea
Wholegrain banana muffin with fresh fruit



Lunch
Chicken and salad wrap with a piece of fruit



Afternoon Tea
Yoghurt and muesli cup



Tuesday

Morning Tea
Seasonal fruit and wholegrain crackers



Lunch
Beef bolognese with pasta and seasonal vegetables



Afternoon Tea
Mini cheese and crackers with vegetable sticks



Wednesday

Morning Tea
Corn thins with cottage cheese and cucumber



Lunch
Chicken stir-fry with rice and mixed vegetables



Afternoon Tea
Fresh fruit and a wholegrain muffin



Thursday

Morning Tea
Tuna and cheese wholegrain roll



Lunch
Veggie sticks with hummus and wholegrain crackers



Afternoon Tea
Frozen yoghurt with berries



Friday

Morning Tea
Wholegrain banana bread with fresh fruit



Lunch
Roast chicken, vegetables and wholegrain rice



Afternoon Tea
Apple slices and cheese



Provides healthy, balanced meals

Supports concentration and learning

Encourages healthy eating habits

Builds energy and wellbeing

Good food. Bright futures.

The Wellbeing Wrap

RISE AND SHINE 8:30'S THE TIME

This term we will be celebrating classes who have less than 3 late passes a week with Zooper Dooper icy poles as a reward.
If you do not wish for your student to participate please contact Jody via email.
jody.cole@education.vic.gov.au



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep A **Saini**	**Wisdom** for always listening carefully and staying focused during learning time. Well done, Wisdom! **Tia** for always trying her best to learn her sounds and blend them together to read words. Keep up the fantastic effort, Tia!	**3/4B** **Courtney**	**Archer** for following instructions and trying to complete set tasks. **Tayla** for continuing to challenge and extend herself in Numeracy.
Prep B **Rosewarne**	**Aurora** for showing respect to her peers and teachers and settling back into class after the holidays. What a superstar! **Josiah** for answering questions on the mat like a pro. Prep B loves hearing your ideas. Keep up the amazing work!	**3/4C** **Pulford**	**Abubeker** for settling into his new school environment with ease and confidence. **Jayce** for displaying a positive attitude to school and willingness to help in the classroom.
Prep C **Schaap**	**Hudson** for starting off term 4 with very respectful listening and concentration during learning time. **Haadi** for demonstrating respectful listening and great focus during learning tasks.	**3/4D** **Dravitzki**	**Veronica** for her fantaisc reading ability while reading the class novel. Keep up the good work. **Yekahlo** for using his great Math brain during our sessions.
1A **Anderson**	**Safa** for reading most of the first 5 sets of the tricky words. **Braydon** for reading some of the tricky words in the first two sets.	**5A** **Phee**	**Jordan** for displaying amazing resilience in English, making amazing progress. You should be very proud of yourself, Jordan! **Indie** for your ongoing growth and how you have shown consistent responsibility. You are such a valued part of 5A.
2A **Flanagan**	**Alita** for showing wonderful growth in confidence by having a go at tricky tasks and persevering with her learning. **Si Lu Klay** for making a fantastic start to term 4 by staying focused, making responsible choices and taking pride in his learning.	**5B** **Gittens**	**Stavroula** for showing amazing leadership skills by leading by example and demonstrating incredible focus and dedication to her learning. **Tanner** for consistently producing high quality work and showing incredible dedication and persistence in class. **Nate** for working incredibly hard to use his manners in class and make responsible choices.
2B **Nag**	**Oo Meh** for aspiring to complete her task as directed. **Bu Meh** for settling down responsibly and meeting the expectations of the classroom.	**6A** **Butler**	**Abdirizak** for being where he needs to be and completing his tasks to the best of his ability. **Shee Lwe** for always meeting the class expectations.
6B **Chandra**	**Peter** for demonstrating growing confidence in your learning and always striving to do your best. Your hardwork has been reflecting in your handwriting! **Aazaya** for consistently working hard and striving for excellence in your learning. Seeing you produce your best work is wonderful to see!		

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Italian Signora	**Shee Lwe** for being an enthusiastic learner of Italy and the Italian language. **Katrina** for great counting in Italian.
PE Spooner	**Donya** for showing great improvement and growth with basic movement and fundamentals in PE lessons. **Ree Chel** for showing great resilience and growth in the Gym space and PE lessons.
Library Hooper	**Harry** for his fantastic efforts in Library this term. **Jonathan** for always trying his hardest during Library sessions.
Art Carlisle	**William C** for drawing a cute budgerigar. **Shroud** for drawing a great budgerigar and rainbow.
Stem Kershaw	**Harley** for a being a focused and enthusiastic learner in STEM this week. **Thomas** for being an engaged and interested learner in STEM this week.
ES	**Ava** for showing kindness and care towards others, always offering help and checking on anyone who feels upset, and demonstrating resilience by embracing new challenges and always trying her best.
Wellbeing Team	**Tha Bler** for his enthusiastic participation and wonderful school spirit during our House Lessons. **Mahalia** and **Kate** for being brave and supporting other students during their dance club.
Office	**Attilla** and **Jason G** for tidying up a mess left from others. **Zaiden** for being polite when answering the phone. **Malong** for his wonderful attitude when sharing great progress to the office.
OSHC	**Jason G** for excellent behaviour and fantastic manners! **Logan M** for demonstrating fantastic leadership skills when planning for Halloween!
Principal	**Merry** for respecting the school grounds by picking up rubbish.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4		Consent/ Payment Due	Event Date
Yr 6	Safe Journeys Excursion - Melbourne Museum	13/10/2026	20/10/2026
Yr 6	Kids Helpine Cyberbullying Incursion	17/10/2026	22/10/2026
All Students	P-6 Italian Incursion	16/10/2026	23/10/2026
All Families	Whole School Assembly 2:30 in the Gym		23/10/2026
All Families	2027 Prep Transition Session 1 @ 9:40		30/10/2026
All Families	2027 Prep Transition Session 2 @ 9:40		06/11/2026
Select Yr 6 Students	Wyndham Central College Half Day Transition	30/10/2026	16/11/2026
All Families	2027 Prep Transition Session 3 @ 9:40		20/11/2026

LOST PROPERTY

Hi all,

We have had an abundance of items being thrown into lost property this term!!

Please come down to the admin building and have a look if your child has any missing items. There is also 2 tables located in the Gym that you can view during Assemblies.

Any unclaimed items with no name will be donated to our uniform shop.

Any items that are not school uniform and have no name will be disposed of if left unclaimed for a long period of time.





STEM NEWS

Welcome Back!

It's hard to believe we are beginning the final term of the school year.

In STEM, all students will be learning from the Digital Technologies curriculum.

We will be using iPads safely, respectfully and responsibly each week to access learning tasks via the Google Classroom app.

The Kitchen Garden will be refreshed over the next few weeks in preparation for Summer planting.

Some of our amazing ES staff members have enjoyed harvesting and using the herbs and vegetables students have grown and have shared with me how they have used the fresh produce from our school Kitchen Garden to create the most delicious looking food at home for their families. I hope you are as inspired as I am to try some of these dishes.

"I would like to share the images of the food which I cooked and used STEM garden's produce . I used Parsley in my Potato and chicken bake, Green onion in my Beef Hokkien noodles and Spinach in my Spinach and Cheese Gozlame."

Kindest,
Gaye









NO HAT NO PLAY

A reminder to all that in Term 1 & 4 all students must be wearing a hat to play outside.
Students not wearing hats will be directed to the shaded spaces in the yard.
Hats can be purchased from the office for $15 or from other retail stores.
ALL students are required to wear a navy blue hat, these must be wide brimmed sun smart hats.

Caps are not permitted.

Office Messages

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

To avoid receiving a phone call or a note/letter from the school when your child is absent, please remember to enter their absence by entering an "Attendance Note" on Compass.

If you are unable to do this or unsure of how, please contact the office.

If families have not advised the school of a student absence, a text message will be sent at 9:15am alerting the family. Families are expected to respond to the school with a reason for the absence as soon as possible.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, we are able to administer their medication at Sick Bay.

We require a letter from the prescribing medical professional, the medication and you will need to complete a Medication Authority Form.

Please contact the office to arrange.

COMPASS PAY + EVENTS

This term we have transitioned to Compass Pay. This means we will no longer be printing and sending home paper notes to families for consent and payments. As events get published you should be notified and see on your child's compass page that there is an event awaiting consent. You will then update any details and sign off your name as consent. We have introduced this to allow families to have quicker and easier access to these notes and allow payments to be made securely online. If you or anyone you know is having issues with Compass, please come and see us in the office.

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

14/10/2026

Manorvale Primary School

Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

A message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents and families

First, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Megan Hargous, and I will be the new Coordinator at Manorvale OSHC! I will be working every day at OSHC and have found it fantastic these last two weeks to meet each family, as well as the wonderful children of course! I would like to thank all the parents for their patience and understanding as I have settled into my new role. It has helped me so much to have your support.
I have worked in the early childhood education sector for over 25 years and have just moved from Sydney to Melbourne a month ago with my daughter. I love interacting and engaging with children, doing messy crafts, as well as cool science experiments, so am looking forward to fun times ahead!

This week we will be celebrating Big Art Week, and of course Halloween at our OSHC service! Throughout the week, children will have the opportunity to participate in a huge variety of exciting, fun, and colourful art inspired experiences. Over the entire month of October children will participate in a range of spooktacular activities and games, as well as being able to make some cool and creepy crafts!

I look forward to another exciting week of learning, laughter, and celebration with our children!

Activities coming up

Big Art Week 26/10/26

Halloween 31/10/26

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play



Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

What's on in Term 4

Camp Australia

Big Art Week

In Before and After School Care

26-30 October

Wild about Animals



Run WILD with Creativity!

Big Art Comp

26 October to 20 November



Free webinar for families with Dr Billy Garvey

Parent Mental Health

Monday 26 October

Podcaster, author and developmental paediatrician



Celebrate National Recycling Week with

9-13 November

RUBBISH ROBOTS

in After School Care!



Find out more and book

campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-4



Breakfast Club runs on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8am - 8:30am.
Breakfast Club is held in the Gym foyer and is run by our terrific staff using food supplied by Foodbank.

FOODBANK

Foodbank help supply many items for our students and families. The wonderful Education Support staff Mrs P orders and distributes all the fresh fruit we get delievered for every class and ensures there are spare food items for children who may have forgotten their food.

Any families who require any additional food products should notify the office or Leadership for any assistance. Foodbank offer a range of supports, we are here to help families as much as we can.



12 October 2026

Dear Educator,

I am pleased to announce the Big Summer Read is taking place at Wyndham City Libraries these summer holidays!

The BIG Summer Read is open to anyone ages 0-18. It encourages children to read for pleasure and aims to address the 'summer slide'. This refers to the loss of literacy experienced over the long summer break if children are not exposed to books or reading. To encourage participation, we have a prize draw for 3 prizes. 1st prize is a Zoos Victoria membership; 2nd prize is a Museum Victoria membership and 3rd prize is a Lego set.

I invite your teachers and library staff to promote this program to students and their families. We would love to enlist your help in making this year's program the most successful ever! We have attached some marketing materials you may want to use to facilitate promoting the program.

293 Wyndham children signed up last year, reading an average of 16 days over the program with a total of 4,484 books read between them. With your support we would love to see an increase in participation this year.

The Big Summer Read runs from 1st December 2026 until 31st January 2027. Register and participate for free at https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kids-big-summer-read

For more information, please contact Wyndham City Libraries on 8734 8999 or mail@wyndham.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity Macchion

Manager, Libraries & Community Centres
Wyndham City Council

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Public Libraries Victoria

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BIG BUILD ROADS

13/10/2026

Dear resident / business owner

Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade – intersection opening in early November and asphalting works

The Ballan, McGrath and Greens roads intersection is being transformed into a safer intersection with traffic lights designed to support the more than 30,000 vehicles that use it each day.

At **5am, Monday 9 November**, we'll open the new traffic-light-controlled intersection at Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads, months ahead of schedule. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we completed these works.

To prepare for the opening, we'll close the intersection overnight on Thursday 5 November and over the weekend from Friday night until Monday morning.

After the intersection opens, we'll remotely monitor and adjust green time to help traffic flow better while drivers become familiar with the new layout. Please take extra care and follow signs when travelling through the intersection.

What we're doing and when

Full intersection closure - weekend and night - 5 to 9 November

We'll fully close the Ballan, Greens and McGrath roads intersection to get the upgraded intersection ready to operate with traffic lights. The intersection will be closed between:

- **8pm Thursday 5 November to 5am Friday 6 November**
- **8pm Friday 6 November to 5am Monday 9 November**

During the closure, we'll:

- Remove the temporary construction barriers
- Construct remaining kerb and traffic islands
- Place asphalt and line marking
- Turn on and test the new traffic signals.

From 5am, Monday, all legs of the new intersection will be open.

How will these works affect you?

Traffic impacts

During these works, there will be road closures, detours and changes to traffic conditions. Please allow up to **30 minutes** of additional travel time and follow detour signs and directions from our traffic controllers to keep you and our workers safe.

Property access

Night works may result in periods of noise from machinery and construction activities for nearby residents. We'll take steps to minimise disruption where possible and monitor impacts throughout the works.

At times, there will be temporary changes to property access for some properties near the intersection. We'll contact directly impacted properties in advance to provide more information and support you to access your property.

1800 105 105
bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads

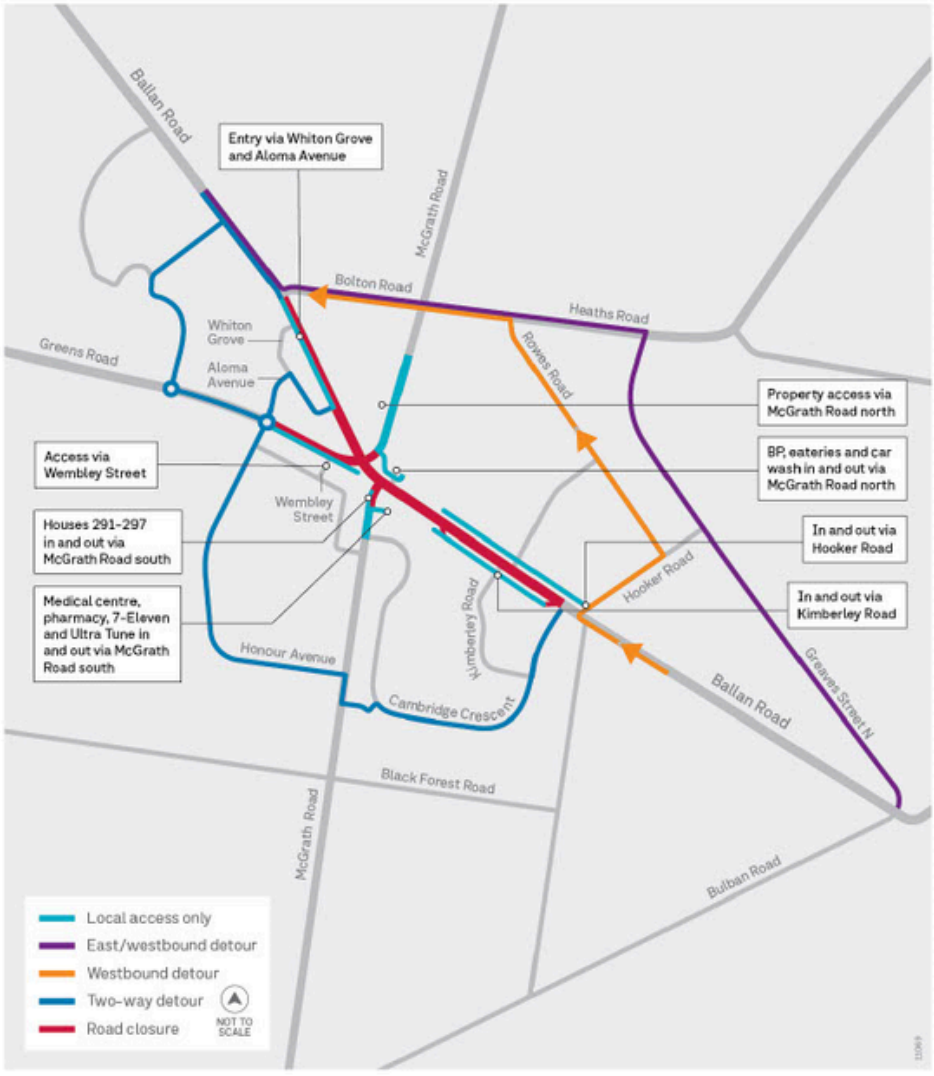
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Please use the below detour routes for the weekend and overnight intersection closure from 5-9 November:

Dates and times	What's closed at the intersection	Details and Detours
8pm, Thursday 5 November to 5am, Friday 6 November **8pm, Friday 6 November to 5am, Monday 9 November**	Full intersection closure of Ballan Road, Greens Road and McGrath Road, including: • **Ballan Road** from Bolton Road to Cambridge Crescent • **McGrath Road north** at Ballan Road. Eateries, Car & Dog Wash and BP access guided by traffic controllers at McGrath Road north driveway via Bolton Road detour • **McGrath Road south** closed at Ballan Road. Medical Clinic & Pharmacy, 7-Eleven and Ultra Tune access at McGrath Road south driveway via Cambridge Crescent or Honour Avenue detour • **Greens Road** from Ballan Road to Honour Avenue **Please see map on the next page.** Allow additional travel time of up to 30 minutes.	**Manor Lakes-bound:** detours from Ballan Road via Hooker Road, Rowes Road, Heaths Road and Bolton Road, or via Greaves Street north, Heaths Road and Bolton Road. **Werribee-bound:** detours via Bolton Road, Heaths Road and Greaves Street north. Property access changes will be in place. We'll contact you directly if you are impacted. **Access maintained** to below local residential properties: • **Ballan Road service road** via Hooker Road and Kimberley Road • **Greens Road and service road** via Wembley Street • **Ballan Road north** via Aloma Avenue and Whiton Grove • **McGrath Road service road** via McGrath Road north

Please follow the below detours to travel through the area during these works:



Finishing works

The new intersection will open on 9 November, but some lane and night closures will continue until early 2027 while we complete finishing works, including street lighting, landscaping, medians and walking and cycling paths.

Safer speed limits from December

Following a review of traffic conditions and ongoing growth in the area, a new 60 km/h speed limit will be introduced in December at the upgraded intersection and along **Ballan Road between Bulban Road and Manor Lakes Boulevard.**

The change will support safer travel for everyone using the road and aligns with broader road safety measures that help reduce the risk and severity of crashes.

Electronic signs will be installed before the change takes effect to notify motorists of the new speed limit.

Please note: A 40 km/h speed limit will remain in place around the intersection while finishing works continue.

Come and chat to the team

Have questions about the upcoming intersection opening and road closures? Our project team will be at Eagle Stadium from **11am to 2pm** on **Saturday 24 October** to provide information and answer your questions.

If you can't make it, contact us anytime on 1800 105 105 or email contact@bigbuild.vic.gov.au.

For project information, including the latest designs, visit bigbuild.vic.gov.au/ballanroadupgrade.

Before you travel, check bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions/disruptions-map for the latest road closures, detours and traffic changes in your area.

Stay informed

Stay up to date on the Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade, sign up to receive regular updates to your inbox at **bigbuild.vic.gov.au/roads-subscribe**. You can also sign up to receive SMS updates on the Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade by texting BALLAN to **0499 073 073** to get the latest news delivered straight to you.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code.

Kind regards,

The Ballan Road Intersection Upgrade Project Team



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