31 January 2017

From the Principal’s desk

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students and their families and our new staff to Mansfield State High School. I would also like to welcome back all of our continuing students, staff and parents. We certainly value being part of your family and of course your child’s education. The staff commit to quality learning and teaching as well as a safe, caring and supportive environment.

It has been a very smooth start to 2017 and I know from visiting our classrooms that quality learning and teaching is happening in every lesson, every day. I am extremely proud of all our students in the way they are wearing their uniforms with pride and are proud that they are Mansfield State High School students. They have all returned to school with a positive attitude and are ready to learn and give it their very best. Together with our staff, I look forward to another productive year of student growth and learning. Our school vision of ‘Quality Learning in a Caring Environment’ will ensure that we can focus on maximising student learning and achievement. Our priorities for 2017 are as follows:

- **Reading and Writing**

Our enrolment for 2017 is once again the largest ever in the history of our school with 2429 students. Enrolments at the moment are as follows:

- Year 7 – 501
- Year 8 – 488
- Year 9 – 412
- Year 10 – 267
- Year 11 – 394
- Year 12 – 368.

**Year 12 2016 success**

We congratulate our very successful 2016 Year 12 students. They believed in themselves and all worked extremely hard and as a result achieved excellent results. The following is a summary of their results:

- 10 students received an OP1
- 15 students received an OP2
- 24 students received an OP3
- 23 students received an OP4
- 18 students received an OP5
- 30% (90 students) of the eligible students received OP1-5
- 65% (193 students) of the eligible students received an OP1-10
- 87% (260 students) of the eligible students received an OP1-15.
OP1 Students
Jordan Asmussen, Tom Barham, Ben Barruel, Rohin Berichon, Steven Chien, Thomas George, Christos Georgiopoulos, Michaela Gyasi-Agyei, Marissa Jong, Aaron Mau.

OP2 Students
Rielle Cho, Karina Diaz, Lily Goodman, Yu-Shan Huang, Nhat-Minh Iakimov-Lam, Megan Kenna, Yea Lee Kim, Richie Lee, Christy Moon, Stephanie Shi, Rachael Summers, Ryan Turner, Amy Ubank, Emily Williamson, Annie Ying

OP3 Students
Tahlia Asmussen, Tyler Bennie, Benita Bhikha, Alexandra Comino, Justin Dong, Stuart Gardiner, Tess Holley, Brooke Houen, Akhila Mathew, Briony McConnell, Lauren Mears, Daniel Moon, Saoirse O'Connor, Epi Pereira, Emilie Pomel, Kiora Rybarczyk, Jayme Say, Dejan Strugar, Joel Thomas, Binh Tran, Amy Wang, Karen Wei, Terry Wu, Cristy Zhao

I am sure you will join me in congratulating all of the students, staff and families on this outstanding success.

Year 12 Investiture Ceremony

Last Friday our amazing Year 12 students were presented with their Senior badges by our Year 12 Coordinator, Mrs Tammy Vallis, Senior Schooling HOD, Kerri Hixon and myself. It was an important day for our students, their families and our school as they made a commitment to leading our school. I once again, shared with the students some of my favourite leadership quotes:

- ‘Where there is no vision, there is no hope’
- ‘Leadership is unlocking people’s potential to become better’
- ‘A leader is someone who demonstrates what is possible’
- ‘Leadership cannot be given, it must be earned, it cannot be taken away, you lose it by lack of performance’
- ‘Great leaders don’t set out to be a Leader … They set out to make a difference’
- ‘If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader’

Student Leaders 2017

Pictured are our 2017 School Captains (Left to Right): Vice-Captain Isabella Scarpato, Captains Adna Capin and Ben Carew and Vice-Captain Stevie Hunter. As the leaders of the Prefect group, the Captains and Vice Captains have already been hard at work helping the new members of our community settle in. Adna, Ben, Isabella and Stevie are the leaders of the student body and will also head the Student Council which consists of two elected student representatives from each SDP class.

Staffing 2017

We welcome the following new and returning staff to the Mansfield State High School community: Anna Rushworth, Ben Sciacca, Emmanuelle Buecher-Hall, Fraser McGill, Hayley Stockwell, Humza Pradhan, Tadhg O’Loingsigh, Uzma Akram, Joe Tuton, Graham Trimble, Julia Collins, Kelsey Swann, Matthew Taylor-Byrne, Paulina Sliedrecht, Thomas Hopper, Mark Pears, Natalie West, Natalie McClatchey, Melissa Stevens, Paul Bonetti, Amy Croll, Lyn Gaffney, Emma Jenvey, Jenepher Bowler, Bob Fletcher, Alan Osgarby, Nicola Picton and Sonja Kokot.

Year Level Coordinators and Administration

The following table sets out our Year Coordinators and Administration for 2017

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I hope you all have a wonderful week with your family as we prepare for another busy year ahead of all of us.

**Mrs Karen Tanks**  
Executive Principal

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## Business Services Manager

### Q Parents

Parents who were registered with Q Parent at your child’s previous school will automatically be able to access Q Parent at Mansfield High School. All Year 7 parents will be invited to be linked to their child’s records with an invitation to sign up to the Q Parents app once student enrolments are completely finalised in mid February.

Subject charges will be made to student accounts once all timetable changes are finalised. This usually takes place at end of February or early March at the latest. It is expected that fees be paid up-to-date by the end of Semester One. Regular payments via BPPoint (link from Q Parents) or BPay are our preferred payment methods. Reference numbers will be visible on the bottom of the emailed statements for your records and ease of payment.

Please contact me if you require any further information - seber7@eq.edu.au or telephone direct on 34525310.

**Mrs Sandy Ebert, Business Services Manager**

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## Faculty News

### HPE

#### Interschool Sport / MAP

Mansfield High is involved in both Summer and Winter interschool sport in the South District Competition. Fixtures are held each Tuesday (Year 7,8,9) or Wednesday (Year 10,11,12) in Period 4. Summer fixtures will begin on Tuesday 14 February or Wednesday 15 February.

Interschool sports offered include:

- **Boys:** Touch, volleyball, cricket, basketball and futsal.
- **Girls:** Softball, touch, volleyball and futsal.

Students selected in interschool teams must have the full interschool sport uniform, be able to train once a week, pay the interschool levy ($40 home and away OR $60 central venue) and hand in permission/medical forms by the due date.

Students who do not do an interschool sport participate in the Mansfield Activity Programme (MAP) on Tuesday/Wednesday afternoons.

Activities in MAP include academic/extension/support activities, sporting and cultural activities. It is important to discuss activity selection with your students, keeping in mind such issues as cost of the activity and your student’s particular interests and abilities. Many activities cost nothing.

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### MAP Selections Block 1

Students will be required to log on to the link below to select their MAP activity. Students who are selected in an interschool sport activity should also select their sport on the site.

http://www.selectyoursport.com/mar/login.php

You are reminded that some activities have financial costs associated with them.

MAP is an essential part of Mansfield High’s curriculum. Therefore ALL students must be involved in an activity on Tuesday/Wednesday afternoon. Please make every effort to arrange appointments, such as medical, dental or physio at another time.

#### School Gym

The school gym is open to all students from 7.40am-8.20am every day. New students who attend complete an induction procedure and are assisted with a program to suit their ability/needs. Students wear their formal uniform to school and then get changed. They are to bring a towel.

#### Futsal

The State Schools Indoor Soccer Championships are held in Term 1 in Brisbane. Mansfield will once again be represented by several teams. Training will commence shortly. Students are advised to consult the noticeboard in K Block for further information or to contact Mr Austen in K Block staffroom to express interest.

#### South District Trials

- Paper nomination required by Wednesday 1 February for Tennis Boys and Girls Open
- Paper nominations required by Monday 6 February for Softball Boys and Girls Open; Baseball Boys U/18
- District Sport trials will be held on Monday 13 February and/or Tuesday 14 February for Volleyball Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Rugby Union Open
- District Sport trials will be held on Monday 27 February and/or Tuesday 28 February for Hockey Boys and Girls Open, AFL Boys U/15, AFL Girls U/16; Basketball Boys and Girls Open, Football Boys and Girls Open, Netball Girls Open and U/15, Rugby League Open and U/15; Surfing Boys and Girls Open.

See Mr Kalpakidis for details and forms.

#### Mt Gravatt District Primary School Trials – 12 year olds

All 12 year old (born in 2005) students in Year 7 will have to trial with Mt Gravatt District. Trial dates are as follows:

- **Swimming** – Thursday 9 February
- **Basketball Boys and Girls** – Tuesday 14 February and Wednesday 15 February
- **Netball Girls** – Monday 6 March and Tuesday 7 March
- Hockey Boys and Girls – Wednesday 8 March and Thursday 9 March.

See Mr Kalpakidis for details and forms.

### House Allocation

House allocation for all students is as follows by family name:

- A-D Hammarskjold
- E-K Gandhi
- L-P Schweitzer
- Q-Z U Thant

Our houses are named after people who showed great leadership, commitment, perseverance and aspiration in achieving their ideals. Their individual stories provide an example for our students to emulate.

### House Captains 2017

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Captains for 2017.

- **Hammarskjold** - Katie Bond and Lefteri Desipris
- **Gandhi** - Kate Holgate and Edan Pereira
- **Schweitzer** - Libby Lynch and Ryan Magee
- **U Thant** - Madison Waugh and Mitchell Sciaccia

### Swimming Carnival

Our school’s annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Chandler Aquatic Complex on Friday 3 February. All students are required to attend as it is a normal school day. They are encouraged to swim and all students are expected to support their fellow team members. A permission slip was sent home during week 1. Students can wear their sport uniform to school. Students are encouraged to bring their swimming gear, as they have an opportunity to swim and gain extra points for their House at lunchtime.

### Cross Country

Cross country training will be held every Monday and Thursday morning at 7.30am. Training will begin on Monday 6 February. Training sessions may consist of laps of the purpose built 2km school course, trips up the famous King Hill or interval sessions ranging from 1 minute efforts to 1km efforts. Students are to meet under K Block in full sports uniform. Permission letters are available from K Block staffroom. In order for students to compete in the school cross country (Friday 21 April), they must have attended training.

Special awards will be given out throughout the training period in recognition of the efforts of the athletes. See Mr Kalpakidis or Mr Williams for more details.

### Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training DOES NOT have personal accident insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

**Mr Craig Healey, HOD (Health and Physical Education)**
**Mr Nick Kalpakidis, Sports Coordinator**

### Learning and Performance

#### Mansfield High’s Strategic Focus

As a leading high school in Queensland, and the nation, it is always worthwhile to look at all of our incredible achievements, yet still seek ways to improve. This year our teachers will focus on reading, writing and engagement. Underlining improvement in these areas is each and every student’s level of motivation.

All students should aim to do better. At Mansfield High this is an important and central concern for all members of our school community. However, motivation for learning is most effective when it comes from within. Whilst external rewards are fine for short term progress, much research demonstrates that real, long term results arise when a student feels satisfaction through their competence and then excellence in a given task; a feeling that only comes with dedicated practise and effort.

Motivating our students is therefore more about how we recognise their efforts. Students will thrive as learners as they build success and recognise the power of their own imagination, thinking, problem-solving and learning.

In 2017 we aim to spark the inner desire of every student to always be their very best; to be BETTER readers, BETTER writers and experience BETTER engagement with their learning.

### Resource Centre

#### Improvements

There are some exciting and significant changes and developments in the Resource Centre for 2017. Over the holidays, our Library experienced some major renovations including the addition of new classrooms and storage facilities, enhanced Wi-Fi service and a brand new external bay to support the ever developing work of our IT Department. These are exciting physical changes that see our Resource Centre growing alongside our burgeoning student population.
Equally exciting is the warm welcome back to our Teacher Librarians including Mrs Bowler and Mrs Robertson who are joined by Miss Andrews who is developing a special project to support and enhance the teaching and learning offerings of our Resource Centre.

Our Teacher Librarian staff continue to be supported by our excellent teacher aide team of Mrs Smith, Mrs Rooks, Mrs Green and Mrs Preston and many others who volunteer and assist where needed.

RARE (Reading and Reviewing) Book Club

If you enjoy reading, this group is for you. We have a group of staff, students and parents under the direction of Mrs Robertson, Teacher/Librarian, who read and evaluate new fiction material for class and student use. The group meets twice per term to share and discuss the books they have read. The meeting dates for Term 1 are Wednesday 8 February and Wednesday 29 March, starting at 3.15pm in the Resource Centre. Students wishing to participate in this group should give their names to Mrs Robertson in the Library. Parents and friends wishing to participate should email Mrs Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au. We would love to see lots of new parents and staff members join this group in 2017. Afternoon tea is provided. Hope to see you there.

Literacy and Numeracy Coordinators

Our dynamic Literacy and Numeracy coordinators continue to develop resources and lead staff on techniques and procedures designed to improve Literacy and Numeracy across the school. Mrs Barker, Ms Semovskih and Ms Mawer are currently leading research projects into better ways for teachers to analyse and improve student performance and learning. Clear teacher guides are being created which assist teachers to access data about their students, to identify their student needs and plan how to better meet these.

Additional resources are also being created to support our Know Me Better project which provides teachers with a detailed snapshot of our students’ opinions and attitudes about themselves as learners. The Eagle and Wolf Reading strategy continues as a cornerstone of our school wide approach to enhance and improve student reading with a special focus on annotations. And of course the immediate benefits of IT are continuing to support students with some exciting work being presented by the Kahoot online learning interfaces.

There are so many ways by which Learning and Performance Teams ensure…Quality Learning in a Caring Environment.

Mr Mark Redhead, A/HOD (Learning and Performance)

Maths

Introduction to High School Maths – Year 7 Parents

Wednesday 22 February, 1–3pm OR 7-9pm

The Introduction to High School Maths sessions give parents of Year 7 students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Mathematics curriculum and how it is being taught in 2017. The main aim is to help parents understand the assessment process, to look at the text book and how it is being used and to teach parents some maths so that they feel competent and confident when they are helping their students. Mr Broome, Head of Department - Mathematics, will lead one session in the afternoon (1pm-3pm) and one in the evening (7-9pm). Both sessions will be held in C1 and C2. C Block is the new building located on Broadwater Road. Year 7 parents are encouraged to attend ONE of these sessions. Please note that each session is limited to 70 participants. To secure your place, we ask that you pre-book your preferred session by completing the Introduction to High School Maths flyer and returning it to the UPPER OFFICE no later than Monday 20 February. Please make a note of the date and time in your calendar and arrive for your chosen session.

Mr Peter Broome, HOD (Mathematics)

Music

Welcome back to all Mansfield musicians and parents, and a big welcome to new families who are joining us this year. All students who have enrolled in the Music Program should by now have received an email outlining personal details and ensemble allocations. Please check these details carefully and contact us via email if there are any concerns. For your convenience, the document listing ensemble rehearsal times is below and also available via the school website. Instrumental students will receive their lesson timetables during Week 2 with all ensembles and lessons beginning in Week 3. A parent information evening and music uniform try on night will be held on Thursday 2 February in the school hall. The uniform shop will be open from 5.30pm and the information evening begins at 6.30pm.

We’re looking forward to another exciting year of music-making here at Mansfield!

Mrs Kathrine Jacobsen, A/HOD (Music)

Senior Schooling

Welcome to the first Senior Schooling News for 2017. My name is Ms Hixon and I am Head of Department for Senior Schooling. I can be contacted via the front office on 3452 5333. Students can meet with me in the Senior Schooling Office in F13 before school and during break times. Parents are always welcome to contact me on the above number or via e-mail khixo1@eq.edu.au.

I will also be available for enquiries at the Year 11 Parent information evening on Wednesday 1 February.

My responsibilities are varied but in particular, I can provide assistance with:
• School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs)
• TAFE partnerships
• Senior External Exams
• Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) monitoring and eligibility
• Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test preparation
• Year 11 and 12 students’ study period allocation
• Work Experience.

If your son/daughter is interested in pursuing school-based apprenticeship and traineeship (SAT) opportunities, please encourage them to regularly check the SAT noticeboard in F block and any emails to their school email address.

Mrs Burns, our Student Engagement Officer, also works with me to support senior students with the following:

• Work Experience placements
• Advertising opportunities for senior students including SATs, Special Work Experience and Industry Careers Information Sessions
• Monitoring student’s wellbeing on SATs
• Monitoring progress of VET/TAFE students
• Job Readiness Program - assisting students to prepare resumes, application letters and portfolios, and preparing for interviews
• Coordinating externally run courses such as Try-A-Trade Days, Construction White Card, and RSA
• Collecting and maintaining records of Unique Student Identifiers (USI's) for senior students.

Mrs Burns is located in F block in the office opposite FOA. She can be contacted on 0418 987 800 and via email jburn302@eq.edu.au.

Ms Kerri Hixon, A/HOD (Senior Schooling)

Hand hygiene gels:

• Smoking, alcohol or other drugs
• Growth and development
• Feeling sad, worried or anxious.

So ask me again why see the School Based Youth Health Nurse? Because Your health matters!

Gastroenteritis (infection of the stomach)

Gastroenteritis can occur when a virus infects a person causing diarrhoea and/or vomiting. Other symptoms may include nausea, stomach cramps, fever, headache and muscle aches. It takes about 1-3 days to develop symptoms and the illness may last a day or two.

How is it spread?

Gastroenteritis is highly infectious. It can be spread by:

• Person-to-person contact (for instance when the virus is on people’s hands).
• Through the air (when a person vomits, large amounts of virus particles pass into the air as an invisible mist and can infect other people in the same room).
• When hands, food, objects and surfaces become contaminated with faeces or vomit and the infectious organism is transferred to the mouth when eating, drinking or touching the mouth.

Someone with viral gastroenteritis is most infectious while they have the symptoms and for at least 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped. Even after this time frame, some viruses can still be present in body fluids, therefore it is essential to always practise recommended hand hygiene and infection control.

How can I protect myself?

Hand washing is considered to be the most cost effective and simple method of preventing the spread of infection.

• Always wet hands first with running water.
• Apply liquid soap to hands.
• Lather hands thoroughly including wrists, the palms, between the fingers, around the thumbs and under the nails (for about the time it takes to sing happy birthday).
• Rinse hands under running water.
• Dry hands thoroughly with a paper towel.

Effective hand drying is just as important as thorough hand washing. Damp hands pick up and transfer up to 1000 times more bacteria than dry hands. Drying your hands thoroughly also helps remove any germs that may not have been rinsed off.

Hand hygiene gels:

• Alcohol based hand rubs (e.g. 60–80% alcohol-based solutions) can be used to decontaminate hands when hand washing facilities are not available, but hands should be washed as
soon as appropriate facilities are available as gels are not effective against some viruses.

- Alcohol based hand gels are not useful if hands are visibly dirty or contaminated with body fluids, faeces or vomit.

What do I do if I have this?

Stay away from school for 24 hours after diarrhoea has ceased. Your doctor will advise you if you need any treatment. Most gastroenteritis infections resolve without treatment. It is very important to drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

Hygiene and cleaning.

Where possible, mop up the spills using disposable paper towels or rags which can then be thrown away. Seal these items in a plastic bag before placing in the rubbish bin. Good cleaning with hot water and detergent is sufficient to clean up after most gastroenteritis spills. It is important to clean all surfaces and objects soiled or possibly soiled during the illness with hot soapy water, rinsing well before drying. This may include toilets, benches, showers, floors, toys, wash basins, taps and door handles. Clean and dry the mop thoroughly after use (sunlight is excellent).

Washable linen and clothing, once any solid material has been removed, can be cleaned by machine washing, with usual laundry detergent, on the hot cycle. Avoid over-loading the machine as this may interfere with machine washing. Additional treatment before or after washing is generally unnecessary and may bleach coloured fabrics. Some items may not be suitable for washing, eg. blankets, mattresses and pillows. Where possible, dry clean if soiled or alternatively leave in the sunlight for several hours after cleaning off areas which are visibly soiled.

Cleaning up is very important. Poor cleaning up will just spread the virus and increase the risk of infection.

Di Waldron
School Based Youth Health Nurse
0412 021 165

Community News

Service at Mansfield

V@M (Volunteers@Mansfield)

Volunteering is valued at Mansfield. Every student in our school community is encouraged to volunteer in whatever capacity possible to assist others particularly within the school environment. Students have been engaged in activities such as assisting with staffroom tasks; setting up and packing away the computer trolleys; helping in the Uniform Shop and Book Shop; sorting lost property; gardening; preparing the Newsletter mail-out; and the list goes on. Once students complete 2000 minutes of voluntary activities, they will be awarded a V@M badge. All students who perform voluntary activities and have them recorded are eligible for consideration for Service Awards on Presentation Evening. Thank you so much to all of those students who have contributed to date. Your contribution has been so much appreciated.

The Rauchle Service Club

The Rauchle Service Club was founded at the end of 2003 in memory of Ms Nell Rauchle, a Guidance Officer at our school for over ten years who lost her battle with cancer. The Club is made up of students who wish to give their time, talents and enthusiasm to help others. The Rauchle Service Club has a long term partnership with Guide Dogs Queensland and CanTeen Queensland, Headspace and the Special Children’s Christmas Party also receive annual donations from the Club. We have also supported, Lauren, our student in Tanzania and Manny, our student in PNG, for a number of years. Eight years ago we joined the Smith Family’s Student2Student program giving our Year 9 and 10 students an opportunity to mentor and encourage primary age students through this valuable reading program. We also have a very productive relationship with the Rotary Club of Wishart. The students are environmentally active, participating in Mobile Muster, Clean Up Australia Day, Arbor Day, the Mansfield gardening program and our own battery recycling program. We even sponsor our very own koala, Guppy. Every dollar raised by the Club goes to charities or causes outside of our school. The first fund raising events for 2017 will be a Valentine’s Day chocolate stall and our annual Pancake Day on Thursday 2 March. Membership is open to all students (Years 7-12) and it is a great way to meet new friends while making a difference in the lives of others.

P&C

Membership 2017

All parents, guardians and friends of our school are cordially invited to become members of our Parents and Citizens’ Association. Our active P&C works closely with the school to achieve common goals and to build a stronger school community where all students benefit. We need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for their children and school. P&C meetings are generally held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm in F-block, next to the assembly hall. Membership does not mean you have to attend meetings; however it does entitle you to vote on matters pertaining to our school. At the end of this article is a P&C Membership Application which you are invited to complete and return to the UPPER OFFICE by 3pm on 23 February. Please note that membership must be renewed on an annual basis.
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 23 February, 7.00pm F Block (next to the assembly hall)

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C. Memberships must be renewed every year as per the P&C Constitution and all new memberships and renewals received prior to the AGM will automatically be accepted. The first meeting of the P&C for this year will immediately follow the AGM.

Uniform Shop /Book Shop
Thank You

The staff and volunteers from the Uniform and Book Shops would like to thank all families for their patience and understanding during the very busy back-to-school period. A very special thank you also goes to our wonderful students who assisted in the Uniform and Book Shops at the end of last year and at the beginning of this year. You did a marvellous job and we are extremely grateful for your assistance!

Feedback requested – OfficeMax

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, regarding your experience ordering textbooks and stationery through OfficeMax we would like to hear about it. Please email Mrs Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au

Winter Uniform Orders

If you require winter uniform items (including special orders), your order must be finalised by mid-February. All students, but in particular the Year 7 students, will have the opportunity to try on winter items for size. The Year 7 try-on day is Thursday 9 February and orders can be placed after that. All students require a school pullover ($60) and/or a blazer ($130). The school scarf ($15) is a warm option if your student feels the cold and is highly recommended. Tights ($7.50) are available for girls and trousers ($44-$47) for boys. Students will bring home an order form and will be required to pay for items when they return it to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday 14 February or Thursday 16 February. We would like to place the order as soon as possible just in case we get an early cold snap. Please note that uniform prices are subject to change. Our Uniform Shop Convenor is Mrs Anne Rattu and the opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday between 7.30-9.15am. Phone 3452 5357 – during opening hours only.

Mansfield High School Backpack

This is a compulsory part of our school uniform and must be used every day. All Mansfield High backpacks are designed to last a student’s lifetime. It should be free from defects in materials and workmanship. The warranty does not cover damage or defects arising from normal fair wear and tear, or misuse of the product. Students please respect your property and don’t throw, sit on, or in any other way misuse your school bags, as the warranty on the bags does not cover this. Some students open zips a minimal amount and then tear the bag open from that point. This will damage the zip. The bag was selected for its quality and endorsement by the Australian Physiotherapy Association. It is essential; however, that students wear it correctly. This will be demonstrated to students. If you would like further information, please view the Spartan website. (NOTE: Students are particularly encouraged to bring only essential items to school. They should use their lockers during the day to remove superfluous items from their backpacks. Heavy items should be packed close to the student’s back. Parents might be able to assist to ensure that students do this.)

http://www.spartanss.com.au

Student Achievements

We love to hear about the wonderful achievements of our students, whether they be sporting, musical, cultural, or service. We also like to share this news with our community and the wider public. If you have a story to tell us, please email Mrs Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au We just love to share the good news.

Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer

Chaplaincy News

Glen Petersen, is our School Chaplain and his office is in A04 which is near the canteen. Glen is a former student and School Captain of Mansfield High and his door is always open for students to either just drop in at break times or by appointment (Monday to Thursday).

Chaplains provide for student’s emotional needs through pastoral care – helping students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying, stress and anxiety. Chaplains provide general personal and spiritual advice, comfort and support to all students and staff, regardless of their religious affiliation or religious beliefs.

Current government funding supports nearly 2 days a week for the chaplaincy program but as a school community we are responsible for raising $30,000 each year to cover the additional two days per week. Donations are always very welcome and are tax deductible. Donations can be left at the Upper Office in an envelope marked Mansfield Chaplaincy; simply add your details to the donation if you would like a receipt for tax purposes. We will be conducting a special Chaplaincy Drive in the second term, but all donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

Parents’ Prayer Group

Chappy Glen would love to hear from any parents interested in becoming involved with the Parents’ Christian Prayer Group. Please email him at glenp@chappy.org.au
The meetings will be held at 2pm, fortnightly on a Monday and will finish to enable parents to collect their students at 3pm. If you are unable to attend the meetings but would like to know more please email Glen. The first meeting is Monday 6 February at 2pm in Chappy Glen’s office near the tuckshop.

**Glen Petersen, Chaplain**

### Canteen

Debbie and Annette welcome all returning and new parents to Mansfield High and invite you to become part of the Canteen volunteer team, sharing in the interaction we have with students and staff. Our canteen is open each day from 8am to provide fresh healthy food options at very reasonable prices and our volunteers are essential in this process. We invite you to commit to one half day a month from approximately 9am until 2pm, but are flexible should you prefer to do just a couple of hours. The roster is published in our school newsletter every fortnight. For WHS reasons, volunteers are required to wear closed in shoes while working in the canteen. We would appreciate it if you could provide your own apron. Lunch, a cold drink and an air-conditioned work space will be provided. To volunteer your time please complete the Canteen Roster flyer and return it to the Upper Office asap. Thank you!

### Canteen Roster

**PLEASE telephone the canteen directly on 3452 5323 if you are unable to attend on your rostered day.**

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### Calendar of Events

| TUESDAY 31 JANUARY | YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 SCHOOL PHOTOS  
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                    | YEAR 7,8,9 INTERSCHOOL SPORT SELECTION TRIALS  
|                    | HOUSE CAPTAINS’ MEETING – 1.10PM  
| WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY | YEAR 10,11,12 INTERSCHOOL SPORT SELECTION TRIALS  
|                    | YEAR 11 PARENT EVENING – 7-9PM – HALL  
| THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY | YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10 SCHOOL PHOTOS  
|                    | YEAR 11 LUNCHTIME SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
|                    | PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM  
|                    | MUSIC INFORMATION EVENING – 6.30PM - HALL  
| FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY | SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL – CHANDLER  
| MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY | RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB MEETING – 1.10PM  
|                    | YEAR 12 LUNCHTIME SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
| TUESDAY | OP1 AND OP2 ASSEMBLY  

9
7 FEBRUARY
YEAR 7,8,9 INTERSCHOOL SPORT TRAINING
YEAR 12 GEO FIELD WORK EXCURSION
JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1 SELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY
8 FEBRUARY
YEAR 10,1,12 INTERSCHOOL SPORT TRAINING
SENIOR MAP BLOCK 1 SELECTIONS

THURSDAY
9 FEBRUARY
4-4 DAY
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING – 7.20AM
PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM
YEAR 9 LUNCHTIME SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FRIDAY
10 FEBRUARY
4-4 DAY
YEAR 9 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
YEAR 7A-7F SPORT – LUNCHTIME
YEAR 12 ART FIELD TRIP – 9AM-3PM
YEAR 12 JAP/FRE – A TASTE OF LANGUAGES – GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

MONDAY
13 FEBRUARY
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING – 7.20AM
YEAR 8 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
SOUTH DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS – CLUSTER 1
YEAR 12 VAP EXCURSION – 9AM-3PM

TUESDAY
14 FEBRUARY
YEAR 11 RELIGION – PER 1
YEAR 10 SDP GUEST SPEAKER
NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE
DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 1
SOUTH DISTRICT SPORTS TRIALS – CLUSTER 1
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – OUT – ALL DAY
YEAR 11 AHS WORKSHOP – UQ – ALL DAY
YEAR 12 DRA WORKSHOP – 10.15-11.40AM

WEDNESDAY
15 FEBRUARY
YEAR 8 LECTURE SERIES – 9-9.20AM
SENIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 1
YEAR 12 ART MASTERCLASS – UQ – 9AM-1.45PM

THURSDAY
16 FEBRUARY
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING 7.20AM
YEAR 12 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING – 1.10PM – F BLOCK

FRIDAY
17 FEBRUARY
4-4 DAY
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY YEAR 7,8,12 – TIP BADGE PRESENTATION
YEAR 7G – LUNCHTIME SPORT

MONDAY
20 FEBRUARY
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING – 7.20AM
RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB MEETING – 1.10PM

TUESDAY
21 FEBRUARY
PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM

JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 2

WEDNESDAY
22 FEBRUARY
YEAR 8 SDP GUEST SPEAKER – SURF LIFESAVING
YEAR 12 ECN RBA SEMINAR – CAV ROAD SHS
SENIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 2
INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SCHOOL MATHS

THURSDAY
23 FEBRUARY
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING – 7.20AM
OPEN DAY NO.1 FOR YEAR 7 2018 – 9AM-12NOON – FOR OUT OF CATCHMENT STUDENTS
PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM
YEAR 11 DRA REALISM WORKSHOP
P&C MEETING – 7PM – F BLOCK

MONDAY
27 FEBRUARY
CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING – 7.20AM
SOUTH DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS – CLUSTER 2
HOUSE CAPTAINS’ MEETING – 1.10PM

TUESDAY
28 FEBRUARY
NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE
JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 3
SOUTH DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS – CLUSTER 2
PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM
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