1 March 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

QCAA – 2015 QCE Achievement Awards

On Saturday 20 February I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards. These awards recognise and reward Queensland’s top performing Year 12 students for outstanding academic achievement in their senior school studies. The QCE Achievement Awards exemplify the high standards, credibility and flexibility of Queensland’s senior schooling qualification, the QCE, by celebrating the learning achievements of the students who best demonstrate breadth and/or depth across a range of learning options.

The thirty-seven young people from Year 12 last year who received an award attended different State, Catholic and Independent schools. Their results put them ahead of more than 50,000 of their peers.

I am very pleased to announce that our School Captain from 2015, Alexandra Radke, received a Distinguished Academic Achiever Award. This is a remarkable achievement and one of which the Mansfield State High School Community should be extremely proud. Well done Alexandra!

P&C News

Our P&C is an important part of our school, as it represent the interests of all parents at Mansfield State High School. It assists with the decision-making of our school. Our Annual General Meeting followed by the P&C meeting was held last Thursday night. It was encouraging and inspiring to see so many parents attend the meeting and showing their support.

Congratulations to the following parents and school community members on their important positions for the 2016 school year:

- President: Jodie Mark
- Vice President: Amanda Scarpato
- Vice President: Wayne Pascoe
- Secretary: Michelle Riding
- Treasurer: Anita McGee

Many thanks Jodie, Amanda, Michelle, Wayne and Anita for taking on these positions and for helping our school. Special thanks to outgoing committee members, Doug Margetts and Jason Allen, for their many years of service. Our P&C certainly plays an important role in our school, both financially and strategically. We thank all members for everything they do and for their continued support.
Open Day

Our first Open Day for our Year 6 students (out of catchment) was held last week. Over 1000 people visited our school, showing an interest in their children attending mostly for Year 7 in 2017. Parents and their children were impressed with the quality learning and teaching that they witnessed while touring the classrooms. Parents could see first hand how great Mansfield State High School is and exactly what we have to offer. They could also see with their own eyes the amazing teachers we have delivering quality lessons and the dedicated students behaving and trying to the best of their ability in every lesson.

Our Other Open Days for the year are from 9am-12noon for the WHOLE session for parents and their children on:

- Thursday 10 March for in catchment students and Mansfield Primary students and remaining out of catchment enrolments, and
- Monday 18 July for any remaining enrolments.

An information evening will be conducted on Wednesday 16 March in C Block for families requiring more information about our Programs of Excellence:

- 6pm-6.15pm: Music (Classroom and Instrumental)
- 6.15pm-6.30pm: Technologically Integrated Curriculum (TIC)
- 6.30pm–8pm: French Immersion.

Families may choose to attend one or more of these sessions. Staff will be available after the sessions for further questions.

Preparation for Exam Block

Refuse to believe any fellow students who say they only work just before exams and still get through. Revision doesn’t begin a week before the exams, although it certainly might be more intense. To maximise the chances of a good result in your exams, start your preparation as early as possible in the term. Here are six concrete actions you can take to prepare well for exams:

- Make a detailed study plan for the weeks preceding the exams. Ensure you have balanced periods of review across all subjects.
- Remove distractions – Pre-record your favourite TV shows. Refrain from using social networking websites. Be disciplined.
- Re-acquaint yourself with the course outline and objectives. This will provide a sense of the main issues that have been covered and the types of knowledge you will be expected to demonstrate. In other words, it will hint at what will be assessed.
- Work through any revision sheets. Time yourself and see how much you can accomplish within the allotted time. This will be useful knowledge when pacing yourself in the exam.
- Make contact with other motivated students. Explain the topic to a friend – if you can clearly express the concepts in your own words, you can be sure you understand the topic well. Make an email contact list with these friends and ask and answer questions in the form of a support network. You may also wish to form study groups, but beware of filling these sessions with idle time or gossip.
- Don’t forget about all the extra help that is offered by the school. This includes tutoring and general assistance, up to and including exam block. Add these times to your study plan.

Parking Restrictions

Please DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR SCHOOL DRIVEWAYS at any time other than to collect a sick student from the Administration Block or for evening functions. There are many safe areas along Broadwater Road west of Ham Road for drop-off and pick-up. It would be appreciated if you would arrange to collect your student from a designated meeting place some one hundred metres away from the school.

Please do not set down, collect or park in any of the restricted zones near the entrances of the school, particularly the Broadwater Road Entrances near the Administration Building and the Ham Road Entrance near the Music Block. Please note that outside the Administration Building is a ‘NO STANDING’ zone that is frequently patrolled by the police or Council officers and the fines are heavy. Wherever there is a YELLOW LINE, vehicles are not to stop. Thank you for trying to make our school environment safer. It is so important!

We have two regulation sized disability parking bays in the Ham Road car park, just next to the Music Block. This parking is available for motorists who require parking access with either RED or BLUE permits only. Please note these bays are clearly marked and are not for general parking use. We currently have students who require access to these parking bays at morning drop off, afternoon pick up and during the day. We ask parents to please refrain from accessing these spaces to ensure parents of students with disabilities can ensure safe and efficient access to the school. There is also a disability parking bay in the administration car park. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Additionally, please do not stop in traffic to allow students to get out of your car. This practice is extremely dangerous. Please do not call for your students to cross the road at any place other than at the lights or crossings. We want all members of our community to stay safe.

Messages

Parents/Guardians are requested to phone the school with a message for a student in an EMERGENCY situation only. This will ensure the efficient running of our school of more than 2200 students. Day to day matters such as where to collect students need to be discussed prior to students arriving at the school in the morning. Parents bringing items left at home to school for students such as lunches, hats, forms or sports items, MUST be a rare occurrence. Messages for students may only be passed on from parents or guardians.
Please note that the school does not have telephones in classrooms, nor does it have a public address system. Our office or teaching staff is therefore required to go to the classroom of the student to deliver the message or the item. In a spread out school with over 2200 students this can be extremely time consuming for administration staff and teachers and disruptive to the learning of the student and their class mates.

Student Absence / Late Procedures

A note from a parent or guardian in explanation of a student’s absence must be presented to the SDP Teacher (Student Development Program and roll marking teacher) within two days of the student returning to school. Except in special circumstances, failure to do so will result in an after school detention being issued to the student and parents will be advised of the date. Obviously it is in the best interest of everyone that the detention does not occur.

Parents are also advised that instead of a note, you may phone the ABSENCE line 3452 5306 and press 9 and leave a message stating: Parent’s name, Relationship to student, Student’s name, SDP class, When absent, Reason (eg Matt Smith, Father of Gail Jones in 10D, absent today and tomorrow, as she has bronchitis). An email may also be sent to absences@mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au. In the near future a reply SMS should be a possibility.

If a student is to be absent for more than a couple of days, the parent needs to contact the relevant Deputy Principal to discuss the absence.

If a student will be knowingly absent for assessment, it is school policy not to administer the test earlier.

Your assistance with these processes above is appreciated.

Students Wanting to Leave Early During a School Day

Students MUST have a note, to take to the Lower Office before school. They will be issued with a pass to then have signed by the teacher, from whose class they are leaving early. Just prior to the designated time of pick up, students then leave the class after showing their pass to the teacher, go to the Lower Office/Upper Office with the signed pass to leave and swipe out. No students are to leave classes, unless they have a pass issued to them. In a school of over 2200 students and the complexities that go with that, it is not possible unless in extreme emergencies, for students to be called from a class when a parent arrives at the school office.

Tuesday afternoon (Years 7,8,9) and Wednesday afternoons (Years 10,11,12) are for MAP (a compulsory aspect of our curriculum), not for appointments, unless it is absolutely essential.

Parents coming to the school

Parents entering the school grounds are to go immediately to the Upper Office. If a parent wishes to meet with a staff member, the staff member will be asked to come to the office area, if he/she is available. An appointment will usually need to be made.

At no stage are parents to go directly to a staff room or an administrator’s office. So that our students and staff have confidence in knowing that only authorised adults are in our school grounds and in our staffrooms and offices, parents asked to ensure that this process is followed. The safety of all of our students and staff is paramount.

In the first couple of weeks of this year, some Year 7 parents with the permission of the school, have collected their students from the hall area in order to ensure that their students transitioned well to high school. However, in the interests of all of our community, parents are now required to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

I hope you have a lovely week with your families.

Mrs Karen Tanks, Executive Principal

Business Services Manager

It is expected that unless you have a prior arrangement to pay fees by instalment, all 2015 school and subject fees should have now been paid. Failure to do so may result in students being excluded from extra-curricular excursions such as Music Camp, Senior Formal, ski trip and Leadership Camp.

We are experiencing high volumes of payments to the lower office and payment processing times are made a little difficult if incorrect details are supplied. A number of payments were received where credit cards details were incorrect or the card expiry date was missing. A more effective way to counter this issue is for parents to make an online payment by B Point where we do not receive any of your credit card details.

If there is any paperwork to be returned to the school, please record the B Point receipt number so that it is easy to match payments. This way all payments go directly to your student’s account.

Subject fees and levies will be charged to your student’s account shortly after an invoice has been generated for each of these. Statements for the term will be sent out in March.

Please feel free to contact me on 3452 5310 if there is anything you need to clarify.

Mrs Sandy Ebert, Business Services Manager

Faculty News

Health and Physical Education

South District Swimming

On Tuesday 16 February Mansfield State High hosted the South District Swimming Carnival held at Chandler Aquatic Complex. Congratulations to our swimmers for an excellent performance with both our boys’ and girls’ teams being placed first overall, Mansfield was crowned the Champion Swim School for the third year in a row. Special mention goes to Damian Ong, Matthew Cowan and Alicia Kane for winning Age Champion and Dylan Wilson for Runner-up Age Champion.
Well done to the following students who have been selected in the District Swimming team: Jacinta Bartlett, Julia Botfield, Matthew Cowan, Nathan Hoang, Alicia Kane, Ashleigh Magee, Ryan Magee, Callum Molles, Christopher Negus, Damian Ong, Ana Ilic, James Thompson, Travee’ Transom, Dylan Wilson.

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Jessica Ashworth who was been selected to represent Queensland at the Australian Triathlon Championships. At the State Championships recently at Hervey Bay, Jessica was placed 2nd. A great effort was made by Mitchell Bradbrook who was placed 7th and Travee’ Transom who was placed 10th.

L-R Mitchell Bradbrook, Jessica Ashworth, Travee’ Transom

Great work from Zackary Cunningham who was selected in the Metropolitan East Baseball Open Team!

Well done to the following students who were selected in South District Teams:


**Baseball** – Andrew Hurman, Alex Fernandez, Kyel Steensma, Brandon Pereira, Zackary Cunningham.

Cross Country

Cross Country training is held every Monday and Thursday morning at 7.30am. 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. (Students come to school in their formal uniform and get changed. Only students being dropped off by car at the school gate may come in full sports uniform. However they must remember to bring their full formal uniforms.) Permission letters are available from K Block staffroom. In order for students to compete in the school cross country, they must have attended training. Special awards will be given out throughout the training in recognition of the efforts of the athletes.

Mansfield Sports Group (MSG) - Touch

MSG has a Facebook page: Mansfield Sports Group where students can also keep up-to-date on MSG events.

MSG Touch training has commenced and operates Thursday afternoons from 3.15-4.30pm on the main oval. MSG Touch relates to competitions outside of interschool sport played on Tuesday (Junior) and Wednesday (Senior) from 1-3pm.

MSG Touch age groupings include:

- 13 years – Boys and Girls
- 15 years – Boys and Girls
- 18 years – Boys and Girls.

Hence, students playing in Year 7 and Year 8 dominate the 13 Year category; however, based on the AGE YOU TURN THIS YEAR, some students may play in the lower or higher division dependent on their birth year.

MSG Touch is aimed at competing in the Queensland All Schools competition from Wednesday 5 October to Sunday 9 October in Term 4. However, we are also entered in a Student Touch League (STL) Competition in one-day events that has us competing against strong schools that make us improve. The details are:

- STL – Round 1: Term 1, week 8 - Monday 14 March at Southport
- STL – Round 2: Term 2, week 6 - Friday 20 May at Cleveland
- STL – Round 3: Term 3, week 4 - Friday 5 August at Kawana.

STL games are only for 13 and 15 Year squads. There is also the All Hallows Touch Competition (girls only) on Sunday May 15 for MSG Touch. There will be forms, information and costs distributed to students in coming weeks.

We look forward to your children undertaking this amazing opportunity to benefit from the experiences sport offers.

**Mr Nick Kalpakidis, Sports Coordinator**  
**Mr Craig Healey, HOD (HPE)**
On Friday 12 February the Year 12 Geography classes went on an excursion to New Farm, Teneriffe and Fortitude Valley. The fieldwork involved investigating the changing patterns of urban development/urban renewal and assessing the most appropriate proposal for the vacant site at the old Fortitude Valley State School. The students showed exemplary behaviour on the day and produced wonderful field work that is now going towards completing their field report.

**Mr Lachlan Hackett, HOD (Humanities)**

### Information Technology

**BiG Day In Brisbane**

*Attn: Year 9-12 students interested in Careers in Technology, Careers Advisers & IT Teachers!*

**BiG Day In Brisbane**

**is on**

**Wednesday 8 June 2016**

The ACS Foundation invite teachers and students to attend the BiG Day In Brisbane Careers conference at the University of Queensland.

Come hear from speakers from companies like Microsoft, Red Hat, WiseTech Global, Adobe and more to come, talking about the future of technology and how students can get involved in shaping the future. We’ve got seminars from organisations including BHP, WiseTech Global, HP, Microsoft, Digital Careers & more!

**Tickets:** $10 per student

**Time:** 9am – 3.30pm

**Enquiries:** Kerrie Barto, ACS Foundation

**Email:** kerrie.barto@acsfoundation.com.au

**Don’t delay – only 15 tickets available, get your money in quickly!**

**Visit:** http://kshaxon.com.au/bid/ for more details

### International Women's Day 2016

**Careers in Technology - Celebrating Female Trailblazers**

Do you know any female students looking for a career that will give them the opportunity to travel and experience other cultures? Did you know that there is a demand for more women in careers in technology in almost every industry including art, healthcare and entertainment?

Australia is currently experiencing a shortage of workers and graduates, especially female, in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills. Female secondary school students from Year 9 to Year 12 and tertiary students from TAFE and university are invited to join a panel discussion with Female Trailblazers working in ICT fields including multimedia design, communications, computer science and software engineering on Tuesday 8 March at The Edge, State Library of Queensland, Stanley Place, Cultural Centre, South Brisbane. They will:

- Hear successful women talk about their personal journeys and career highlights.
- Be able to ask questions about work lives and work/life balance.
- Learn more about ICT career opportunities available to them.
- Network with these amazing role models and others after the panel session.

Registration is from 3.30pm. Presentations are from 4-6pm.

If there are any female students who are interested in attending, please see Ms Hixon in A31 for more information.

### Digital Technologies Competition

The 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) will commence this year on Tuesday 17 May with the Digital Technologies Competition. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 participating in the competition will receive a certificate and an individual student report. These reports are useful in highlighting student strengths and areas for development. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded to the highest score in each year level in each State.

Past test papers are also available on G:\Common\General\ICAS competitions\computer skills past papers.

All TIC students will be participating in the ICAS Digital Technologies competition as their fees cover the cost of the completion. All other students interested in participating in the ICAS Computer Skills competition should return their permission slip to the lower office with $8 payment by 18 March. The school contact for the Digital Technologies Competition is Ms Kerri Hixon khixo1@eq.edu.au. Further
The 2016 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge (www.bebras.edu.au) is part of an international initiative, the goal of which is to promote computational thinking in students. Bebras is aligned with and supports the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum. The Challenge is delivered online and will be held during the period of Monday 14 March to Thursday 24 March. Solutions to the 2016 challenge are available on the school network for students interested in seeing the types of questions: G:\Common\General\Bebras.

A number of digital technologies classes will be given an opportunity to participate in the Bebras Challenge during their lesson time in week 9. Students in these classes will be provided with login details and their first name and surname will be stored on the Bebras Challenge website administered by Eljakim Information Technology for the duration of the challenge. This arrangement is covered by NICTA’s privacy policy (see http://www.nicta.com.au/privacy). Mansfield High School is using an opt-out consent process for these classes. If you would prefer your student to participate under a pseudonym or to not participate at all, please email Mrs Kylie Docherty (kdoch8@eq.edu.au) before the challenge begins. Other students in participating classes will be issued with login details by their classroom teacher during one of their lessons between Monday 14 March and Friday 24 March.

The Bebras Challenge is also available to other students in Year 7-12 who complete a parental consent form. If your student is interested in participating in this fun 45-60 minute challenge, please contact Mrs Docherty to obtain a parental consent form and arrange a time to complete the challenge during the challenge period. If you have any questions about the Bebras competition, please contact Mrs Docherty in staffroom A31 (kdoch8@eq.edu.au).

A second round of the competition will be held in September.

Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition

There are six multiple choice questions followed by nine more challenging questions for which a number must be entered as the solution. Students will complete the online 60 minute test during their IT class time on Tuesday 22 March or at an after-school session for students who do not have their senior IT classes on that day.

The CAT is not a programming competition and no programming experience is required so it may also be of interest to other students in Years 7-12. Please contact Mrs Kylie Docherty (kdoch8@eq.edu.au) if you would like your student to participate in CAT. Students must enter their own details using an access code provided by the school so there is no special consent form required.

Students who enjoy the CAT competition may also be interested in the Australian Informatics Olympiad which is held on Friday 1 September.

Ms Kerri Hixon, HOD (IT)

Languages

Thanks to the generous donation of the Pomel family, French students have a vast array of new reading material to further their knowledge of the language. Why not read the Hunger Games, Harry Potter or some books from the well known children’s series: Winx, Dragonball or The Magic Kittens! The Languages Department has always had a wide variety of magazines and other literature available for students to borrow but the librarians have now catalogued the new donations and some recently arrived magazines aimed at French teens. Reading texts in French in addition to class materials can help to increase vocabulary and overall understanding of the language. Students should not be concerned with finishing a whole book, but rather, they should take up the challenge of reading a few pages and see where it takes them! A big thank you goes to the library staff for cataloguing all of the materials and of course to the Pomel family for their gifts. Happy Reading! Bonne lecture!

French Immersion Picnic

The Australian Mathematics Trust is also offering a free online competition this year to test computational and algorithmic thinking skills for students in Years 7-12. Students enrolled in senior IT subjects will be provided the opportunity to participate in this competition on Tuesday 22 March. The CAT problems are written by experienced teachers and computer scientists and are designed to be quick to solve and highly approachable. The problems range in difficulty from very easy to challenging.
The annual French Immersion picnic was held on Saturday 16 February for our new students and their families. The picnic is a wonderful tradition that has been ongoing since the beginning of the French Immersion Program. This year, we had the pleasure of welcoming 30 Year 7 students and their families into the French Immersion family. Parents were able to meet other French Immersion students and their parents and become part of the French Immersion support network. This is important for forging relationships and connections that support parents and students throughout the duration of the program.

The weather was once again absolutely perfect. Staff from the Languages Department joined the Year 7 French Immersion staff on the day. We wish our new students a happy and rewarding Immersion experience and a successful academic career at Mansfield High.

Mr Kerin Gordon, HOD (Languages)

Music

English Family Prize

School Captain, Daniel Elvery, has again this year been selected as a finalist for the prestigious English Family Prize. Each year, young budding musicians from schools around the state are invited to audition for the English Family Prize. With the generosity of the English Family, the finalists receive prize money ranging from $5,000 to $500 to further their studies, or to assist with purchasing an instrument. Thirty-three young musicians auditioned on Monday 15 February and six finalists were selected to perform in a public recital on Monday 29 February. Daniel was one of the six.

The overall winner also receives the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra at an upcoming education concert. A loan of an exquisite instrument may also be awarded to a finalist by the NFA Anthony Camden Fund and National Instrument Bank Award. Daniel will be playing Jacques Ibert’s Concertino da Camera on his alto saxophone.

Congratulations Daniel!

Date Claimers

- Music Camp 1 Friday 4 March to Sunday 6 March, Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands. The final details letter is now available from outside the Music staffroom. Remember... the theme is Decades!
- Music in March Concert 1 Thursday 10 March 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Ensembles performing - Wind Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, Chamber Winds, Jazz Orchestra, Combo, Junior Combo, Cantabile, Cantus, Cantrice, Camerata, String Orchestra, Celtic Strings, Bellagrande. Admission is by donation and past concert DVDs will be on sale at the door for $10.
- Music in March Concert 2 Friday 11 March 6.30pm – 8.30pm Ensembles performing - Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Big Band, Stage Band, Percussion 1 & 2, Jazz Ensemble, Chorale, Men of Mansfield, Capriccio, Sinfonia, Musaeus, Bellemente. Admission is by donation and past concert DVDs will be on sale at the door for $10.
- Music Camp 2 (13 – 15 May, Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands)

Music Uniform

Does your music uniform still fit? Can you find your black socks? Are you new to the program and still need to purchase a music uniform? Orders can be placed at the Uniform Shop.

Mrs M Overs, HOD (Music)

Pedagogy and Engagement

Developing Children’s Understanding about Money

Australia’s Financial Literacy Framework has four dimensions of consumer and financial literacy. Knowledge and understanding is one of these dimensions. Knowledge and understanding is about the nature and forms of money, how it is used and the consequences of consumer decisions. While this dimension will be formally taught in school through the Australian Curriculum, this learning should start and be reinforced at home.

It is at home where children will first begin to develop a knowledge and understanding about money and they will regularly see mums and dads using ‘real’ and ‘plastic’ money when shopping for groceries, paying bills etc.

At home, many children watch parents spend money, but do not see the thinking or hear the conversation related to that spending. It is important children hear parents talk about financial decision-making, the choices, the sacrifices, the budgeting, the planning and saving. When children repeatedly hear such conversations they will begin to develop and understand how and why money is being used in a certain way within the family.

Provided courtesy of:
Year 10 Student Development Program

Last week the Year 10 students were fortunate enough to attend a presentation by Eric Bailey. For the past 20 plus years, he has motivated, inspired, and empowered over three million people in twelve countries around the world. Last week Mansfield State High School turned to Eric for his passion, experience and knowledge.

Eric Bailey gave the audience more than just a presentation; he connected with us on an emotional level. Using positive energy and humour, he filled the room with excitement that didn’t fade during the entire presentation. His inspirational stories encouraged us to believe in ourselves and to never give up. Eric had the ability to touch everyone in the room with his openness, authenticity, and passion. At the end of the presentation, Eric Bailey motivated each student to change their lives in a positive manner.

“The ability to see yourself in the future begins with the realisation that the future starts in the present...”
– Eric Bailey

Mrs Jo Hardie, HOD (Pedagogy and Engagement)

What is a Tax File Number (TFN) and why do I need one?

A TFN is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office. It is used for purposes such as:

- Starting work (including part-time jobs)
- Lodging a tax return
- Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits
- Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program - HELP (e.g. HECS, VET FEE-HELP, FEE-HELP) when you start your university, TAFE or college study.

The process to obtain a TFN consists of three steps:

- Complete an online form
- Print a summary of your application
- Attend an interview to present your proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office.

Visit the Australian Tax Office website at https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/ for more information. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2017 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid a panic early next year.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Parent information seminars

Starting in May, QUT will deliver seminars at Caboolture, Gardens Point and North Lakes to provide parents and their senior secondary children an opportunity to learn more about QUT. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events for details.

University of Queensland (UQ)

Careers that started in Science

The Faculty of Science at UQ has gathered the profiles of scientists who have used their qualifications to gain entry into a diverse range of interesting and rewarding jobs and now work worldwide. The profiles can be accessed from ‘Careers that started in science’ at

Guidance News

Explore your vocational interests

The Career Interest Explorer can help you identify your career interests in vocational fields. The resource requires you to indicate your interest in activities relating to the following broad work types:

- Persuading and Service
- Nature and Recreation
- Helping and Advising
- Creative and Artistic
- Analytic and Scientific
- Practical and Manual
- Organising and Clerical.

The outcome is a list of the work types prioritised according to your interest in them. From here you can explore specific jobs based on your interests. Check out the Career Interest Explorer at

UQ’s Undergraduate Health Website

This website at http://health.uq.edu.au/undergraduate has the following useful resources for students interested in a health science career. They include:

- Information on health science study areas
- 2016 Health Study Guide
- UQ’s Ultimate Guide to Health Jobs in Australia
- Six steps to getting subject selection right (if you want a health science career in the future)
- School Vs University.

Stay connected – sign up to receive news about health science careers and courses.

Support for senior students

The Desk at https://www.thedesk.org.au/ has been developed by the University of Queensland to help students cope with the ups and downs of study and life. While it has been developed for tertiary students, senior students may find it helpful.

The Desk covers topics such as study skills, stress management and communication skills. It also has a number of self-development tools. Do one of the quizzes on the website to get started.

Local Sporting Champions Program

The Local Sporting Champions Program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12 to 18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or School Sport Australia state or national championships.


Mrs Karen Agnew/Mrs Kamal Mistry, Guidance Officers

International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day (IWD), originally called International Working Women’s Day, is celebrated on Tuesday 8 March every year. In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation, and love towards women to a celebration for women’s economic, political, and social achievements. This year’s theme is Pledge for Parity. How can you pledge to support women’s health and well-being. For more information visit http://www.internationalwomensday.com and Women’s Health QLD www.womhealth.org.au

Yours in good health and wellbeing!

Regina Tyson
A31: Ext 321 every Tuesday, Thursday and alternate Wednesdays

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 17 March at 7pm in F Block – F4/5, next to the Hall. (Please note this change of date.) New members are always welcome.

Teal Ticket Art Union

The Teal Ticket Art Union is back in 2016. This year you can choose between a Mazda2 Neo supplied by South City Mazda OR $12,000 cash as the major prize. Beginning on Wednesday 13 April, there will be 18 weekly
prizes draws of a $100 Woolworths gift card before the major prize is drawn on Wednesday 14 September. Tickets cost $20 and only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Anyone who buys 5 or more tickets will automatically go into the draw for the Book Buyers prize of an iPad Mini donated by Member for Mansfield, Ian Walker. To purchase your tickets, please complete the ticket order form (link below) return it to the upper office or to Mrs Sue Holley in Admin. All profits from the Teal Ticket Art Union will be put towards a facilities project which will be identified in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your support of the P&C and our students.

Uniform Shop
Assistance required in the Uniform Shop

The P&C Association is looking to employ an assistant in the school’s Uniform Shop. This is a paid position averaging 2 to 4 hours per week during the school year (Tuesdays and/or Thursdays). The successful applicant must be able to work the last week of school holidays and the first week of school. Prior experience operating a cash register would be handy but is not essential. The successful applicant would need to start immediately.

If interested, please forward your resume and contact details to sholl143@eq.edu.au before 3pm on Wednesday 9 March 2016.

Student Reps Involved in Brisbane City Council Initiatives

Year 10 students Caitlin Albert, Caitlin Cooper and Brendan Wong have been selected to represent Mansfield High School on Council led initiatives in 2016. Brendan will participate in the Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council (LMYAC) which gives the young people of Brisbane an opportunity to participate in the civic life of the city and identify issues and provides feedback on policies, local laws, services and programs that affect young people. Caitlin and Caitlin will be our representatives on the Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN). The Student Environmental Leadership Network aims to develop young people as leaders and provides opportunities for them to participate in sustainability projects in their schools and local communities. Each of the committees will meet four times during the year and will involve students from schools all over Brisbane. Congratulations!

The Service Clubs
Pancake Day, Thursday 3 March – Lunchtime in the Hall

Price List
- Pancake with syrup $2
- Pancake with syrup & ice cream $2.50
- Cold drinks $2
- Meal deal with the lot $4

A Mansfield tradition, not to be missed!

Profits will be used to sponsor our student Lauren in Tanzania and a donation will be made to support the people of Fiji affected by Cyclone Winston.

Volunteering Opportunity

Year 9 and 10 students are invited to become buddies in the Smith Family student2student program. The program involves matching students from Years 3 to 8 who have reading difficulties with older students (buddies) from a different school who have high literacy skills in order to develop the reading skills of the younger students. The buddies are expected to telephone their young readers once or twice a week and listen to them read for 20 minutes. The program operates during terms 2 and 3 and is very rewarding for ALL involved. Any students interested in becoming buddies should see Mrs Holley in upper admin or email her sholl143@eq.edu.au

Clean Up Australia Day - Friday 4 March

In the past 25 years, Australians have devoted more than 27.2 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 288,650 tonnes of rubbish.

Last year the Clean Up Australia Day organisation celebrated 25 years of volunteer action across Australia. In 2015 an estimated 572,406 volunteers cleaned up 15,708 tonnes of rubbish at 7,140 sites across Australia. In the past 25 years, Australians have devoted more than 27.2 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 288,650 tonnes of rubbish. In 2016, the students of Mansfield High School will have the opportunity to clean up our school environment when we participate in Clean Up Australia Day for Schools on Friday 4 March. Don’t forget your hats and sunscreen and get involved and make a difference!
Mobile Muster

Not sure what to do with the old phones cluttering up your kitchen drawer? We can help! Just drop your old phone and accessories into the Mobile Muster collection box in the Resource Centre. Mobile Muster is able to recycle 90% of the materials in mobile phones, batteries and chargers. This is such an easy way to help our environment. Thank you for your support!

Student Achievements

Congratulations to all of our students past and present who are achieving great things!

Tom Bruun

In December last year, current Year 12 student Tom Bruun attended the “Cadet Under Officer” promotion course at RAAF Amberley along with approximately 30 other Cadet Sergeants from around Queensland. At the end of the program, Tom was awarded the prestigious "Sword of Honour", which is given to the Dux of the course. Tom has been a member of the Australian Airforce Cadets since 2013. In 2014 he was awarded a full scholarship to begin flight training to obtain his Pilot (Glider) licence which he brungained in 2015. Tom hopes to be accepted into the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra to begin Officer training on completion of his studies this year.

Isabella Christensen

Isabella Christensen (Year 12) has been selected for the Australian Under 19 Futsal team to travel to America to compete in July. Isabella played for Mansfield in the All Schools Futsal competition last year from which she gained selection in the Queensland School Girls team which competed at the National titles. Congratulations Isabella!

Lauren Jimmieson

After graduating from Mansfield High School in 2010, Lauren Jimmieson studied at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, completing a Bachelor of Music (Musical Theatre) followed by training in musical theatre and commercial dance, at Theatre and Dance in Coorparoo. Since this time, Lauren has been busy using her skills as an actress, dancer, choreographer and entertainer in a variety of different settings. She has even had the opportunity to travel to South-East Asia where she played “Alice” in Alice in Wonderland. 2016 is proving to be a very exciting year for Lauren as she has secured a role in the ensemble for the Australian production of Singing in the Rain which will open in Melbourne in May before touring the country. She is also the understudy for the character of Dora Bailey – reporter. Congratulations Lauren. Break a Leg!

Jaymie Wood

Year 10 student Jaymie Wood has been selected for the Queensland Archery Team to compete at the National Youth titles in Penrith, NSW over Easter. She will compete in Target, Clout and Field archery events over the five day event. Good luck Jaymie!

We love to hear all 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, about present or past students, please contact Mrs Sue Holley on 3452 5337 or email sholl143@eq.edu.au. We just love to share the good news!

Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer

Chappy Glen’s News

Alternative Schoolies Options

Despite being only five weeks into the school year, some Year 12s have probably started planning their schoolies, with some even booking and paying deposits on accommodation. Here are a few alternative options:

SU-Schoolies is an event run by Scripture Union Queensland offering students an opportunity to celebrate the end of school in a fully supervised environment that is drug and alcohol free. Each year over 500 Schoolies from across Queensland attend events located in the Whitsundays, Sunny Coast, Hawaii, Melbourne and Fraser Island. All prices are all inclusive with meals, activities, transport, and accommodation included in the cost. Students come away from Schoolies with incredible memories and building friendships that last a lifetime. For more information head to our website www.su-schoolies.com or call 3112 6583

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGP6sm7Pg7Q

Watoto Schoolies - for the very first time, Watoto Australia is taking a group of schoolies to Africa to celebrate the end of their schooling years! During this two week trip, you will be immersed in African culture, spend time with the children in the Watoto villages, tackle the white water rapids of the Nile River and experience a two night African safari. See information pack below.

Parents’ Prayer Group

Below are the dates for the Parents’ Christian Prayer Group this semester. Please email Chappy Glen at glenp@chappy.org.au should you wish to find out more info.
The meetings will be held at 2pm in Chappy Glen’s office in A block near the tuckshop and will finish to enable parents to collect their students at 3pm. Please sign in at the Upper Office prior to coming to the meeting.

Glen Petersen, School Chaplain

Canteen

Open for Breakfast

The canteen is now open for breakfast from 7am, Monday to Friday. Menu items include fresh fruit, fruit salad, yoghurt, bacon and egg rolls, raisin toast, toasted sandwiches and even fresh vegemite rolls. If your students are here early for rehearsals, training or tutorials, please encourage them to drop in and buy a healthy breakfast at a very reasonable price.

March is Taiwanese Month. We will continue to explore the different cuisine of various nationalities that make up Mansfield High. All students will be notified by email when this special event will be on. We aim to encourage all students to try and discuss the many differences in our food cultures.

Calling all Volunteers

Volunteers are essential to the successful running of our canteen. If you are able to commit to one half day a month from approximately 9am until 2pm, or even just a few hours please complete the tear-off Canteen Roster slip and return it to the Upper Office asap. For workplace health and safety reasons, volunteers are required to wear closed-in shoes while working in the canteen and, if possible, provide their own aprons.

Canteen Roster

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

Mrs Judy Holland, Canteen Convenor
Canteen Telephone: 3452 5323

Calendar of Events

| MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY | SOUTH DISTRICT SPORT TRIALS – CLUSTER 2 |
| TUESDAY 1 MARCH | NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE |
| WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH | YEAR 11 DRAMA REALISM QTC WORKSHOP – 10.30AM-12.56PM |
| THURSDAY 3 MARCH | SOUTHDISTRICT SPORT TRIALS – CLUSTER 2 |
| FRIDAY 4 MARCH | TIP LEADER MEETING – 1.10PM |
| | PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM |
| | JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 4 |
| | GOOD FRIDAY |
| | PUBLIC HOLIDAY |

PANCAKE DAY

MUSIC CAMP 1

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT SCHOOL

MUSIC CAMP 1
| MONDAY 7 MARCH | RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB MEETING – 1.10PM | YEAR 9 TIC EXCURSION TO QUT |
| TUESDAY 8 MARCH | YEAR 10 RELIGION – PER 1 | PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM | JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 5 |
| WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH | MET EAST NETBALL | YEAR 9 TIC EXCURSION TO QUT | SENIOR ART MASTER CLASS UQ – 9AM-1PM | YEAR 8, 9, 10 DRAMA PERFORMANCE – SPIRIT OF THE MASK BY ARTSLINK – PER 1 | SENIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 5 | QDU ROUND 1 – YEAR 9 AND YEAR 11 |
| THURSDAY 10 MARCH | OPEN DAY NO.2 FOR CATCHMENT | YEAR 7 2017 – 9AM-12NOON IN HALL | STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING – 1.10PM | MUSIC IN MARCH 1 – 6.30PM |
| FRIDAY 11 MARCH | YEAR 7 - GREEN HEART SCHOOLS FUTURE BRISBANE CHALLENGE, WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL | SOMERSET CELEBRATION OF LITERATURE EXCURSION – 9AM-3PM | MUSIC IN MARCH 2 – 6.30PM |
| MONDAY 14 MARCH | YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK | SOUTH DISTRICT SPORT – CLUSTER 3 | STUDENT TOUCH LEAGUE – ROUND 1 |
| TUESDAY 15 MARCH | YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK | NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE | SOUTH DISTRICT SPORT – CLUSTER 3 | JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 6 |
| WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH | YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK | YEAR 9 RELIGION – PER 1 | SENIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 6 | QDU ROUND 1 – YEAR 8 AND SENIOR A PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE (MUSIC, TIC, FRENCH IMMERSION) |
| | INFORMATION EVENING – 6PM, 6.15PM, 6.30-8PM – C BLOCK |
| THURSDAY 17 MARCH | YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK |
| FRIDAY 18 MARCH | YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK | NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE | YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO GOLD COAST – 8AM-4PM |
| SUNDAY 20 MARCH | INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS |
| MONDAY 21 MARCH | WORLD POETRY DAY |
| TUESDAY 22 MARCH | YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 RELIGION – PER 1 | YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST | JUNIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 7 |
| WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH | YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST | SENIOR MAP BLOCK 1/SD SUMMER ROUND 7 | QDU ROUND 2 – YEAR 9 AND YEAR 11 |
| RARE BOOK CLUB – 3-4PM – RESOURCE CENTRE |
| THURSDAY 24 MARCH | YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST | YEAR 8 TIC EXCURSION TO QUT | PREFECT MEETING – 1.10PM | SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – PER 3 AND PER 4 | SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – 5.45PM | P&C MEETING – 7PM |
| FRIDAY 25 MARCH | GOOD FRIDAY |
| SATURDAY 26 MARCH | EASTER SATURDAY |
| SUNDAY 27 MARCH | EASTER SUNDAY |
| MONDAY 28 MARCH | EASTER MONDAY |
| TUESDAY 29 MARCH – SUNDAY 10 APRIL | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| (SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 11 APRIL) |
SMAAT TUTORING

FOR PRESENT STUDENTS
BY PAST STUDENTS

WE PROVIDE QUALITY TUTORING, AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

SMAAT aims to provide affordable, high quality tutoring (past students of our school to the student) population of Mansfield State High School. The tutors have completed and experienced the Mansfield curriculum and have achieved well academically and socially whilst at Mansfield.

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For more info, and to enrol:

Google: “MHS SMAAT” smaatenquiries@outlook.com

Redbacks Netball Club

Redbacks Netball Club are looking for open/senior (Under 17/18/19 and 20/30 years old players) to join our club.

There are several spots available in our open teams, in particular OS and OA.

Training is Thursday nights at Coorparoo and games are 3:10pm or 4:30pm on Saturday also at Coorparoo.

Feel free to pass this onto anyone you know think is interested.

Please contact Modena Hodge 0417 603 940 for further information.

DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST THEATRICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!

HAIRSPRAY comes to life—like you’ve never seen it before at the Brisbane Convention Centre in this record-breaking arena spectacular!

Starring Simon Burke, Christine Anu, Tim Campbell, Wayne Scott Kermond and Lauren McKenna as Tracy Turnblad alongside a cast of over 800 performers, including Mansfield State High School students: Aamir Asao, Biliana Meares, Claire Parente, Luke Meares, Emma Duncan, Sarah Lycett, Nyak Meares, Zena Pecora, Michelle Leung, Lee Dwyer, Jasmin Foxxoman & Olivia Frisken.

Don’t miss the largest production of HAIRSPRAY ever staged in the world.

With explosive choreography and stunning sets and costumes, this will be a journey back to the 60s you won’t forget when Harvey Rains presents this big fat arena production of everyone’s favourite musical—HAIRSPRAY!

So get in quick as the season is limited and selling out fast! HAIRSPRAY plays for five performances only from 8 – 10 April at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

To book now visit tickets.com.au or hairsprayarenashow.com