2 September 2014

From the Principal

Presentation Evening

Please reserve Wednesday 22 October from 7pm for our Presentation Evening. It will be a night of celebration and it promises to be a great showcase of wonderful achievements at Mansfield High School in the areas of: academia, cultural activities, service to others, and sporting achievements. We encourage parents to come to this inspiring formal event.

We make every effort to demonstrate the wonderful work of students who have been ably supported throughout the year by staff, parents and their peers. On the evening, all Academic Awards, in addition to Gold level awards and above in the various areas, will be presented. Students receiving the most prestigious awards will be not informed until their names are announced on the evening. Silver, Bronze and Merit Awards will be presented after the evening at assemblies or in SDP classes.

All students wishing to receive awards need to be present. Only under extenuating circumstances would this not be the case and a form would need to be collected from, and returned completed to, Deputy Principal, Mrs Anghel by Friday 17 October. Sometimes this means that other commitments, such as part-time jobs, training or music lessons must be changed. We look forward to your attendance.

2014 Peter Doherty Science Award Recipient

Last week during National Science Week, it was announced by the Minister for Education, Training and Employment that one of our school’s Prefects, Rosalie Petersen, had been awarded a 2014 Peter Doherty Outstanding Senior Science Student Award. Only ten students in Queensland were recipients of this prestigious award.

It was in recognition of Rosalie’s passion for the sciences and her dedication to furthering her scientific knowledge. Rosalie also received a $3000 grant which will assist her to undertake more Science related activities over the next year.

Congratulations Rosalie on this marvellous achievement!

Ms Linda Peterson, Acting Principal

Deputy Principals’ News

Presentation Evening Awards

The Presentation Awards criteria are now on our school’s website

As awards become available this week, they will be publicised to students on the Under Admin notice board. Students are to sign off beside their names and they are to see Ms Clarke if there is any possible correction. All awards are to be finalised before the holidays.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, students must attend in order to receive their awards.

2014 Mansfield School Magazine orders

Thank you to all families for ordering the School magazine. Whilst students enjoy flicking through the magazine when they receive it, it is even many years later that a great pleasure is gained from perusing it. Just this week a staff member was showing her class a magazine from her school days. The students were delighted to discover some of our present staff members in that magazine! We now look forward to its delivery at the end of the year.

Ms Barbara Clarke, Deputy Principal

Great state. Great opportunity.
Year 10 English students recently enjoyed a performance of Romeo and Juliet from the Shake and Stir Theatre Company. The students had read and analysed the play and their understanding was greatly enhanced by this entertaining performance. They were also given some tips on adapting the play to a modern setting – which will assist them with their current assessment task.

**Health and Physical Education**

**Representative Sport**


**Women in Sport Breakfast**

The Women in Sport Breakfast is a special event each year on the HPE calendar. Over the last few years Mansfield has selected a talented group of young sportswomen to attend the breakfast as representatives of the school. At this event students have the opportunity to hear from a number of successful and talented sportswomen who speak about the values of self-motivation, hard work and the health benefits of being physically active through sport. The ticket price of $49 includes a set-menu breakfast and gift bag. Permission forms can be collected from either Ms Ash or Mr Healey in K Block staffroom. Of course at this breakfast there will also be an opportunity to meet the guest athletes and speakers for photos. There is a fantastic line up of speakers: Kelly McKellar-Nathan, Courtney Hancock and Holly Ferling are all confirmed as guest athletes. It will be another truly inspiring morning!

**Defensive Driver Safety Program**

This program is a special one day driver awareness course aimed at Year 12 students. It involves lectures, demonstrations, video presentations and in-car hands-on driving experiences all based on extensive research into crashes involving young drivers. Participants learn safe-driving techniques while they test drive a fleet of different cars. The following topics are covered:

- Contributing factors in crashes
- The REAL FACTOR 4 – Over-confidence, Risk Taking, Inexperience and Peer Influence
- Vehicle and tyre maintenance
- Driver attitude and behaviour
- Wet weather driving (now to reduce risks)
- Vehicle stopping distances and reaction times
- Low risk/safe driving techniques
- Road Law misconceptions
- Dealing with hazards (how to react)
- Vehicle technology (ABS, SRS, ESC)
- Proactive driving (risk reduction)
- Vision and scanning (utilise your eyes better)
- Seating and steering to improve safety
- Impairments (distractions and alcohol).

Any Year 12 student who has a current learner’s permit, provisional licence or will obtain a learner’s permit by the time of the course (and who has some driving experience) is welcome...
to attend. The course attendance fee is $160 (GST free). The
day course is to be held on Monday 13 and/or Tuesday
14 October. Please see Mr Kalpakadis for forms and/or further
information.

Information Technology

Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge

The 2014 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 1 September to Friday 12 September.

The following classes will be given an opportunity to participate in the Bebras Challenge during their lesson time:

- All Year 8 Maths Classes
- All Year 9 Digital Technologies Classes
- Year 9 TIC Maths Classes
- 10ITPA and 10ITPB
- 11ICTA and 12ICTA
- 11ITNA and 11ITNB
- 12ITNA and 12ITNB
- 11IPTA and 12IPTA.

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 Eijakim 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 please complete the Bebras Parental Consent Form below. If you would prefer that your student not participate, please email Mrs Docherty (kdoch8@eq.edu.au) before the challenge begins. All other students in these classes will be issued with login details by their classroom teacher during one of their lessons between Monday 1 September to Friday 12 September.

Any other students not in these classes who would like to participate in the challenge will need to complete the Parental Consent Form below and make arrangements to attend one of the Bebras competition sessions scheduled for Thursday 11 September. If you have any questions about the Bebras competition, please contact Mrs Docherty in staffroom A28 (kdoch8@eq.edu.au).

Mrs Kylie Docherty (Bebras Challenge Coordinator)

Languages

Swiss Exchange Students

Johan Trancellini, Tania Aymon, Cynthia Illi, Kelly Meng and Aude Sahli

Five Year 11 students are currently enjoying the experience of hosting an exchange student from the French speaking areas of Switzerland. This is an exchange open to Year 11 students only, organised by the Queensland Government. The students have participated in a range of school activities and even completed an English presentation in Mr Redhead’s class. They have also helped encourage other Year 11 students to speak French in class, not just their host students. The students have integrated well into the school, although wearing the uniform was a culture shock. It is a cultural exchange after all! Our Mansfield High host students will have their turn to be ambassadors for their school and for Queensland when they depart for Switzerland at the end of November. While we are holidaying on the beach, they will be skiing the slopes of les Alpes suisses. Applications for the exchange open in March 2015 for students who will be in Year 11 next year.

Ms Sarah Fryer (Swiss Exchange Coordinator)

Music

Eisteddfod Success

Congratulations to all of the percussion students involved in the National Percussion Eisteddfod held at Iona College recently. Both the Junior and Senior Ensemble played incredibly well and were awarded a highly commended for their performances. The Junior Ensemble competed against nine other ensembles and the Senior Ensemble competed against 14 other very talented groups from around Australia. A huge thank you goes to percussion teacher Miss O’Reilly for all of her hard work and encouragement.

Mrs Marg Overs, HOD Music
Senior Schooling
TAFE Courses 2015

Each year, TAFE Queensland and TAFE Skills Tech offer Mansfield State High School students the opportunity to undertake a course in vocational pathways through their partnership arrangement. Course details and enrolment packs are now available from Ms Wenzel. In addition, all information is available on the Mansfield website under Curriculum/Vocational Education/TAFE and other training provider courses.

https://mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Vocationaleducation/Pages/TAFE.aspx

Please contact Ms Wenzel for further information. The deadline for applications is Friday 12 September.

Ms Peta Wenzel, Acting HOD Senior Schooling

Teaching & Learning
Opti-Minds Challenge

On Saturday 23 August two teams from Mansfield made the trek in the pouring rain with props and scripts in hand to compete in the regional Opti-Minds challenge at Marsden State High School. Opti-minds involve students working cooperatively in teams to solve demanding open-ended questions from a number of key learning areas. It provides a fantastic opportunity for students to work on team-building skills, develop problem solving techniques and gain confidence presenting to an audience. Opti-Minds is regarded highly by Queensland Universities, employers and the wider community. Our team of Year 9s took on the social science problem and the team of Year 10s tackled the language literature problem. For six weeks they worked together without any adult assistance to solve their problem, write a script, create props and rehearse their ideas. They performed with confidence on the day, before the panel of judges, clearly demonstrating excellent team work. To their great excitement we went one better than last year with both teams winning their divisions allowing them to represent the Brisbane South Region and Mansfield High at the State Final to be held at the University of Queensland on Sunday 12 October. Well done, you are all Mansfield Stars! Special thanks go to Mrs Narelle Richards for her dedicated mentoring and ongoing support of the Opti-Minds students!

Ms Peta Wenzel, Acting HOD Senior Schooling

Guidance News

From the Australian Federal Police – Social Media Reputation Management – ten tips


If you are using social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter, there are some simple steps you can take to manage your reputation and protect your identity. Even if you are not using these sites, it is important to manage your digital footprint and identify any false or misleading information about you online. In this booklet you will find ten tips for protecting your reputation online. Also provided are practical guides for setting up Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and mobile devices to help ensure your information is safe online.

Mrs Karen Agnew / Ms Kamal Mistry, Guidance Officers

Youth Health Nurse

R U Ok? Day – Friday 12 September

“R U OK?” is a not-for-profit organisation founded by Gavin Larkin in 2009, whose vision is a world where we’re all connected and are protected from suicide. Accordingly, R U Okay?’s mission is to encourage and equip everyone to regularly and meaningfully ask: “Are you ok?”

We know that suicide prevention is an enormously complex and sensitive challenge the world over. But we also know that some
of the world’s smartest people have been working tirelessly and developed credible theories that suggest there’s power in that simplest of questions: “Are you ok?”

One of the most significant theories is by United States academic, Dr Thomas Joiner. Because his father took his own life, Thomas has dedicated his research to try and answer that question: “Why?”.

His theory tries to answer that complex question by describing three forces at play in someone at risk. The first force is the person thinks they’re a burden on others; the second is that they can withstand a high degree of pain; and the third is they don’t feel connected to others.

It’s this lack of connection (or lack of belonging) that we want to prevent. By inspiring people to take the time to ask “Are you ok?” and listen, we can help people struggling with life to feel connected long before they even think about suicide. It all comes down to regular, face-to-face, meaningful conversations about life. Asking “Are you ok?” is a great place to start.

For more information on R U Okay Day visit: https://www.ruok.org.au

Mrs Regina Tyson - School Based Youth Health Nurse

Community News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 18 September at 7pm in F Block (F4) beside the Hall. New members are always welcome to attend.

Rauchle Service Club

Fergus Progresses to Formal Training

On Wednesday 20 August, Ann Carew, Cara Scarpato and Dilara Ulkutas were privileged to represent Mansfield High School at the Puppy Progression Party at the Guide Dogs Queensland Centre in Bald Hills. The girls were at the ceremony to witness ‘Fergus’, one of Whim’s puppies from the “F” Litter, leave his puppy raisers and move into formal guide dog training at the centre. It was a lovely morning of funny stories and tears as the puppy raisers handed back the dogs they had been caring for over the last six months. Bronwyn, Whim’s Carer, took the morning off from work to attend the ceremony so that our students could meet Whim. The students also had the opportunity to see the five week old ‘S’ litter at play in the puppy playground. Thank you to Bronwyn and everyone at the centre who made us feel so welcome.

Chaplaincy

Chappy Day

Thank you to the volunteers (students, staff and parents) who helped out on Chappy Day and for all of the donated chocolate! Please enjoy our Chappy Day Gallery with pictures showing some of the fun from the day.

Dinner Delivered

Through our caring teachers and student services team, I am often made aware of families in our Mansfield High Community struggling because of severe illness or tragic events that happen. In these times, practical help is often not requested, but is very much appreciated. An example would be not having to cook that night. With this in mind, I’m looking to duplicate the successful parents group at Mansfield Primary who are on hand to cook and donate a few meals throughout the year as needs arise. If this sounds of interest to you, could you please let me know either by email glenp@chappy.org.au or telephone 3452 5361.
Outbreak Extreme Camp

School holidays will be upon us again sooner than we realise. During the second week (Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October), I will be one of the leaders on the SU Qld Outbreak Extreme Camp. SU camps are always well run, fun and provide a great opportunity for students to connect with other teenagers. For more information, you can download the app “Outbreak Extreme” for your smartphone or check out www.sucamps.org.au/outbreakextreme.

40Hr Famine

What a fantastic effort! So far our Mansfield High Community has raised a massive $8,404.41 towards World Vision’s work in Rwanda. Special mentions go to the Top 5 fundraisers so far: Erin Park ($645), Rachel Downes ($459), Caitlyn Robinson ($391), Hannah Dee ($391), Rebecca Milios ($347). Parents, please encourage your students to return all fundraising books regardless of whether they raised any money.

Parents Prayer Meeting

Thanks to those who have been attending. This term’s dates are Monday 1 September and Monday 15 September. We will continue to meet at 2pm in Chappy Glen’s office (A block near canteen).

Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer

Canteen Roster

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SPRING VACATION

Saturday 22 September to Sunday 5 October

Monday 6 October - Labour Day Public Holiday

Mrs Debbie O’Neill, Acting Canteen Convenor
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Yr 9 into 10 Subject Selection forms due |
| Tuesday 2 September| QCS Test for Yr 12s (all day) in Hall and MA1  
Newsletter available on website/email |
| Wednesday 3 September| QCS Test for Yr 12s (all day) in Hall and MA1  
MAP Block 3 Week 1  
Brisbane Writers’ Festival |
| Thursday 4 September | Metro Winter Finals Round 3  
Student Council Meeting 1.10pm |
| Friday 5 September 4/4 Day | TEACHER AIDE DAY  
YR 12 EXAM BLOCK / YR 11 EXAM BLOCK starts  
Brisbane Writers’ Festival |
| Monday 8 September 4/4 Day | WORLD LITERACY DAY  
YR 12 EXAM BLOCK / YR 11 EXAM BLOCK |
| Tuesday 9 September 4/4 Day | YR 12 EXAM BLOCK / YR 11 EXAM BLOCK |
| Wednesday 10 September | YR 12 EXAM BLOCK / YR 11 EXAM BLOCK  
Yr 9 Religion Per 1  
Metro Winter Finals Round 4  
MAP Block 3 Week 2 (optional for Yrs 11&12) |
| Thursday 11 September 4/4 Day | YR 12 EXAM BLOCK /YR 11 EXAM BLOCK  
Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge |
| Friday 12 September 4/4 Day | YR 12 EXAM BLOCK, but last day YEAR 11 EXAM BLOCK  
Yr 11 Leadership Camp (depart at 7.45am) |
| Saturday 13 September | Yr 11 Leadership Camp (return to Ham Road at 8pm) |
| Monday 15 September 4/4 Day | YR 12 EXAM BLOCK (last day)  
Yr 11 Work Experience (this week) |
| Tuesday 16 September | Yr 11 Work Experience (this week)  
Newsletter available on website/email  
TIP Leaders’ Meeting 1pm |
| Wednesday 17 September | Yr 11 Work Experience (this week)  
Yr 12 SDP Religion Per 1  
MAP Block 3 Week 3 |

**THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**  
Yr 11 Work Experience (this week)  
Yr 9 and Yr 10 Reports issued in SDP  
Cleveland Challenge Touch Carnival  
New Caledonia Trip departs  
Prefect Meeting 1.10pm

**FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**  
Yr 11 Work Experience (this week)  
Southside Music Camp in Hall – 8.30am to 3pm  
Yr 12 IPT Robotics Excursion – SDP to Per 3

**SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**  
Literacy Tour of England departs (returns on Saturday 4 October)

**SPRING VACATION**  
Saturday 20 September to Sunday 5 October  
**MONDAY 6 October LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**