From the Principal

As we move through Term 3 and into the Spring break, it is timely to reflect on the term. Every student is encouraged to look back over the last three months and ask themselves if they are satisfied with their performance and whether they are tracking towards their goals. Students can talk to their family about what worked well for their learning this term and what they need to change about their learning plan. Hard work and consistent effort needs to be celebrated.

It is also very important for students to give themselves a break. A change of routine, time spent with family and friends and well deserved down time are very important for brain health and mental endurance. Term 4 is always very busy and students who have used their break time to recharge and reflect will be better prepared for the rigours of the final term.

End of Term / Study Leave / Attendance

Assessment is still being completed by all year levels.

Year 12 students have returned from study leave and need to be in full-time attendance until Friday 19 September.

Most Year 11 students will be engaging in the wonderful opportunity of work experience this week. Those students who have not secured a work experience position must be in full-time attendance at school. They will be participating in an alternative program until Friday 19 September.

Year 10, 9, and 8 students are completing assessment and will then embark on new work. They must be in full-time attendance until Friday 19 September.

Mid-Semester Two Reports

Year 12s do not receive a Mid-semester Two Report. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers if they have any questions.

Year 11s will be issued with their reports during SDP Class on Tuesday 7 October.

Year 10, 9, 8 students will be issued with their reports during SDP Class on Wednesday 8 October.

Bon Voyage

This Thursday thirteen of our students will travel with thirteen Mansfield Primary School students and three teachers including one of our teachers of French, Mrs Ganet, to New Caledonia for a week where they will be hosted by families from James Cook International School. We wish them a very enjoyable experience of French language and culture.

On Saturday thirty of our students and three of our teachers (Mrs Bladin – Head of Department English, Mrs Vallis and Mr Austen) will depart for our inaugural whirlwind literary tour of England for two weeks. Their itinerary is both packed and exciting. They will visit places associated with William Shakespeare, William Wordsworth, Beatrix Potter, Jane Austen (Mr Austen’s family), Harry Potter stories…and of course many attractions in London. We look forward to a report on their return.

Ms Linda Peterson, Acting Principal

Deputy Principals’ News

Presentation Evening Awards

The Presentation Awards criteria are now on our school’s website
https://mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Awards%20criteria%20for%20website%20(65KB).pdf

As awards become available this week, they will be publicised to students on the Under Admin notice board. Students are to see Ms Clarke if there is any corrections. All awards are to be finalised before the holidays.

Additionally, on this Thursday, all students will be emailed a copy of the awards. It is essential that they check that their birth certificate name is being used and that the awards are correct. Students may email any concerns to info@mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au on Thursday or Friday.

If students wish to have their preferred name called out on the evening, they need to make this note after the holidays on the under Admin notice board.

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

Last weekend about 100 Year 11 students and a number of teachers spent an action packed Friday and Saturday at Mapleton for a Leadership Camp for our 2015 Year 12s. By going to Mapleton, this cohort created a new Mansfield High tradition. What’s more, this cohort has embraced the idea of encouraging more house spirit in 2015 and they formulated some fantastic ideas, including developing peace chants (instead of war cries). Our school is very fortunate to have the United Nations emblem in our Mansfield High School flag, particularly in a school with such wonderful diversity. Our houses are named after four amazing people: Hammarskjold, Gandhi, Schweitzer, and U Thant. A brief note about each of these people is included in this Newsletter.

Thank you so much to the Year 11s for their enthusiastic participation. Appreciation is expressed to the staff members who attended the camp or assisted with its facilitation. Special thanks go to Mr Craig Healey (Head of Department – HPE) for his organisation which is always more difficult at a new venue. However the new beginnings paid off. The student involvement was very impressive! Well done to the Seniors of 2015!

Faculty News

The Arts

Write about Art

We have had some students achieving wonderfully in the Visual Arts recently. Rosa Li in Year 11 has been selected in ‘Write about Art’ which is a critical visual and media arts writing development program for Senior Queensland students from state and non-state high schools. Rosa will participate in a one day intensive writing workshop and gallery tour at The Queensland Art Gallery, before teaming up with a professional mentor to write a piece for publication in Eyeline Magazine.

Creative Generation Excellence Awards

The Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art recognise and promote excellence in Senior visual art education throughout Queensland State and non-State schools. Mansfield is part of the Metropolitan Region which is by far the most densely populated and competitive of the regions. This year we have two Excellence Awards recipients, which is a fantastic achievement. We congratulate Kate Barham and Sonakshi Weerackody who are two of only nineteen award winners in the region. Wonderful artworks were also shown by Grace Wyer (shortlisted) and Cara Scarpato. Kate and Sonakshi will be invited to a specialist artist workshop and will have their works displayed at The Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) in 2015.

English

Reading at Mansfield Program - RAMP

In Semester One this year, we introduced a multi-level reading program that aims to improve students’ reading, comprehension and thinking skills. In Semester Two, 2013 and Semester One, 2014, students in Years 8 and 9 were tested to ascertain their reading age and their suitability for the decoding/comprehension section of RAMP, following a review of their Year 7 NAPLAN results and other data available to teachers. The decoding/comprehension section of the program has four levels and students are placed at an appropriate level, using a placement test to ensure their reading needs are targeted. Approximately 80 students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have
participated in this section of the program and after completing the program, post-testing of students’ reading ages has revealed that all students have demonstrated significant improvement in their reading age with some students increasing it by five years.

This semester, in order to develop higher order thinking and comprehension skills, such as: making inferences; distinguishing fact from opinion; summarising and paraphrasing; predicting; identifying the author’s approach and critical thinking, we have added another component to the reading program which allows all students in Years 8 and 9 to develop these skills in a largely self-paced program, using high interest reading materials. Students are required to monitor their reading rate and to record the amount of time taken to complete reading a passage. This focused reading is designed to improve reading fluency and thus comprehension. As well, students monitor and record their achievement in each comprehension lesson, thus providing a record of their progress and giving them an opportunity to reflect on their learning and to identify areas for improvement. Students’ progress will be assessed at the end of the semester. The lessons become increasingly complex as the students progress through the program. This allows all students to develop these important comprehension and thinking skills that underpin study of a more academic nature, in a variety of disciplines, and more able students will be able to be challenged academically as they participate in this self-paced program.

We look forward to our students building on their already impressive range of skills to give them a distinct advantage in their future with regard to academic and vocational studies and work. High levels of literacy are required to navigate a path through an increasingly complex world. By providing this program, we consider that our students will be well-prepared to begin this challenging journey when they leave school.

*Miss Lee O’Sullivan - Literacy Coordinator*

**HPE**

**Representative Sport**

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen for the Metropolitan East Track and Field Team and will compete in the State Championships in October - Jessica Ashworth, Scott Ball, Fraser Barrett, Mitchell Bradbrook, Thomas Hunter, Sarah Mackenzie, Harriet Nicholson, Sydney O’Riley, Alessandria Riding and Lacey Stafford.

**Winter Interschool Sport**

Well done to our Senior Girls Football (Soccer) Team which has progressed to the Metropolitan Finals. They won their semi-final in a penalty shootout after extra time failed to produce a winner.

Our Senior Boys Tennis Team made it to the Grand Finals but unfortunately lost.

Other results are: Boys Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 Football and Girls Year 9A Netball were knocked out in the quarter finals.

*Mr Nick Kalpakidis, Sports Coordinator*

**Humanities**

**Australian History Competition**

Our Year 8 History students from Semester One completed the Australian History Competition in May and results are now available. Our students excelled earning 8 High Distinctions, 21 Distinctions, 21 Credits and 26 Merit certificates. This is an outstanding result considering only six history classes participated. The competition paper was very challenging requiring students to analyse and interpret primary history documents and make judgements about their reliability and significance as well as answering questions demonstrating historical knowledge. Special congratulations go to Rebekah Saunders (pictured below) from 8F who topped our school results.

**Cupcakes for Cambodia**

The one and only Year 10 Geography class can give themselves a big pat on the back for their great effort in organising a very successful cupcake sale!!! Our Year 10 Geography class has been learning about wellbeing, in particular contemplating who has it and how to measure wellbeing, as well as understanding international aid. We heard that Moorooka State Primary School students were raising funds for a remote school in Dei Ey School in Cambodia (these students lack even the most basic resources); we saw an opportunity to put our learning into action!
Through the cupcake sale held on Tuesday 9 September, our great supportive Mansfield High students, staff and community, raised $500. The money will be added to Moorooka State Primary’s Year 7 campaign which has raised $550, and will be sent to Cambodia, to supply much needed stationery for the students, thus improving their wellbeing through education.

Mr Lachlan Hackett, Acting HOD (Humanities)

Music News

Queensland Pops Orchestra - “Best of British Concert” – Saturday 11 October

The Queensland Pops Orchestra is one of Queensland’s leading professional ensembles and Mansfield High has a formal industry link with the ensemble. The Chorale and Male Chorus have been invited to perform with the Pops Orchestra alongside the QPAC choir, soloists Elizabeth Lewis from Opera Queensland, and Mark Vincent the 2009 winner of Australia’s Got Talent. This is a very exciting opportunity and the students have been preparing the repertoire in their regular rehearsals over the past weeks.

While there are still a few final details to come, the information regarding combined rehearsals and the performances that we have so far is outlined in the attached flyer. Please note that ticket packages will be released at a special price for parents and the details will be emailed to you as soon as we have them.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform in a professional setting and to learn a considerable amount of repertoire over a short time. It is expected that all members of Chorale and Male Chorus will participate in this event. Please complete the attached permission form and return it to the Music Reply Slot by Friday 12 September.

Beauty and the Beast …

A very special thank you goes to Steven and Michelle Riding for sharing their beautiful photos of the musical. Enjoy!

Mrs Marg Over, HOD (Music)

Guidance News

University of Queensland Free Seminar on Reducing Family Stress

Parents of Teenagers are invited to take part in new research by attending a seminar based on Teen Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

To find out more or register your interest: http://exp psy.uq.edu.au

Modern Apprenticeship Program

Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to many of Australia’s leading automotive manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from students who are interested in joining the automotive industry to start a fulfilling career.

Vantage Automotive represents some of the most prestigious Automotive Manufacturers in Australia, including: Audi, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mazda, Subaru, Renault, Volkswagen and Volvo.

Students nationwide are invited to apply for the Modern Apprenticeship Program and, if selected, will be placed at a dealer for full-time employment and flown to Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane for block training.

Should you have any queries or would like more information on what Vantage Automotive can offer, please visit www.vantageautomotive.com or call (02) 8014 8990.

QUT Academic Scholarship Seminar

High-achieving Year 12 students and their parents are invited to the Academic Scholarships Seminar on 2 October from 5.30pm to 7pm at F Block, QUT Kelvin Grove. Find out about QUT’s academic scholarships, opportunities for scholarship recipients, overseas exchange, study costs and life as a QUT student.

Year 12 students expecting to receive an OP 1-5 and their parents are invited to attend the QUT Academic Scholarships Seminar. You’ll be able to find out about academic scholarships, including Vice-Chancellor’s scholarships, academic scholarships available in each of the faculties and opportunities for scholarship recipients, overseas exchange, study costs and life as a university student.

Current academic scholarship holders will share their experiences, including how their scholarship enhances their student life. After the seminar, you’ll be able to speak one-on-one with staff and students.
From the Australian Federal Police –

Social Media Reputation Management –

ten tips

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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

Child Protection Week

Sunday 7 September – Saturday 13 September

Protecting children is everybody’s business. All members of our community need to make child protection their business and play a part in ensuring children are nurtured and safe. This is a key message of Queensland Child Protection Week 2014.

Child abuse and neglect is one of Australia’s most significant social problems. Last year more than 35,000 Australian children were proven to have been abused or neglected (NAPCAN). Child abuse can include physical, sexual neglect and/ or psychological/ emotional including exposure to family violence.

The effects of child abuse and neglect can be significant and lead to lifelong problems. It can impact on a child’s brain development, how they feel and think about themselves, how successful they are at school, even their physical development and skills. In the long term it can lead to drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, difficulty developing and maintaining good relationships, unemployment and all sorts of social disadvantage – all due to their childhood experiences, and not their fault.

Child Protection Week highlights the message that all children have a right to feel safe and protected, and acknowledges the hard work and efforts of those in the child protection sector who are devoted to this task.

The outcomes for children if someone takes action to protect them can be overwhelmingly positive. With early and appropriate support, children and young people can overcome their experiences. It’s also true that with the right kind of support parents can often change their behaviour, routines and environment to provide a safe and caring home for their children. These positive outcomes are dependent on people taking action and speaking up for kids.

More information, resources and support can be found by accessing the following:

http://childprotectionweek.org.au/
ACT for kids: 1300 228 000/ mail@actforkids.com.au
Parentline: 1300 30 1300 from 8am-10pm, 7 days a week.
http://www.burstingthebubble.com/
Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800

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. New members are always welcome to attend.

Rauchle Service Club

Soap Drive 2014 – Orders are now being accepted!

Why not start your Christmas shopping early by purchasing some soap from the Rauchle Service Club Soap Drive! The natural handmade soaps from The Speciality Soap Shoppe are made with the best quality ingredients and contain no phosphates, no sodium laurel sulphates, no parabens, no petro chemicals and they come individually wrapped. There are lots of new varieties to appeal to people of all ages and tastes; there’s even one for the dog. Why not take the order form to work with you - EVERYONE needs soap. All orders and payments are to be returned to the UPPER OFFICE or to Mrs Holley in Upper Admin.
Chaplaincy

40Hr Famine

We set a goal and reached it! The Mansfield High Community has raised more than $10,000. It was a great achievement - student fundraisers and their generous supporters should be proud. Special mentions go to the top five fundraisers: Erin Park ($645), Rachel Downes ($459), Caitlin Cooper ($448), Caitlyn Robinson ($391), Hannah Dee ($391). A big thank you comes from World Vision and the people of Rwanda.

Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer

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Canteen Roster

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Mrs Rosalie Buzzoni, Canteen Convenor

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| Yr 12 English performance in Hall |
| Friday 10 October | External Senior exams begin |
| All Schools Touch State Carnival |
| Evening rehearsal for Queensland Pops Orchestra for Chorale and Male Chorus with QPAC Choir, Pops Orchestra and Soloists 6.30 – 10pm in Hall probably |
| Saturday 11 October | Matinee and evening performance of Queensland Pops Orchestra for Chorale and Male Chorus 1.45pm for 2.30pm AND 6.45pm for 8pm |
| Sunday 12 October | Possible performance at Caloundra Theatre for Queensland Pops Concert (reduced size) |
| Monday 12 October | Yr 12 Driver Education Course – Group A |
| Rauchle Service Club Meeting 1.10pm |
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Intermediate Film Production Workshop

Thursday 2nd October 2014
10:00am - 3:00pm
Learn new skills and techniques including:
Three Point Lighting, Audio Techniques, Editing and Basic Key Framing.
Requirements: Video Camera if possible
USB Stick & Lunch
COST: $10
Venue: Mt Gravatt PCYC
90 Klemzig Rd Mt Gravatt
BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED!
To Book Call: (07) 3420 4655

SONGWRITING STARTS HERE
SONGWRITING WORKSHOP FOR GIRLS
Wednesday 24th September from 1-4pm
Learn methods for writing lyrics and putting them to music while developing your knowledge of songwriting and recording techniques.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON 3420 4655

Free children’s dental program
School holiday appointments available – call 1300 300 850

Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

Who is eligible?
- All children aged 4 through to year 10
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrepay Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrepay Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Who needs to attend the appointment?
A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

How do I make an appointment?
You can now book an appointment for you and your child at a time and location convenient for you. For all appointments, please telephone:

1300 300 850
Metro South Oral Health Hub

Cost of a call. Calls from mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate. Please check with your telecommunication provider.