From the Principal

This week we will conduct the final formal assembly for the Year 12s of 2014. The collective and individual achievements of this cohort of students are significant. The academic, cultural, service and sporting achievements are evidence of commitment to hard work, a growth mind-set and the positive relationships the students have with their teachers. These attributes are significant in supporting our students to achieve to their potential.

While we recognise achievement through the annual awards evening, weekly assemblies and through our Student Development Program lessons, it is the personal qualities demonstrated by our Mansfield Seniors that make me very proud of our graduating class. The significant number of students who have met every assessment due date throughout the last five years, the vast majority of our Seniors who are always on time for class and our students who are consistently ready to work and learn, continually demonstrate excellent personal qualities that prepare them for success after school. As teachers we strive to offer our students an environment that is both challenging and supportive. It is very rewarding to see that our Seniors have embraced this opportunity and are prepared for success, graduating as confident, informed and well-balanced Mansfield High School students.

Presentation Evening

Congratulations to all of our students who were recognised for their amazing efforts and achievements at the Presentation Evening last week. We are very proud of all of you.

Special congratulations go to the students who achieved the major awards as detailed below.

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Deputy Principals’ News

Overdue Items For 2014

In order to have reports mailed out to students, it is essential that the subject costs and other school costs have either been paid or arrangements have been made with the school’s Business Services Manager, Mrs Sandy Ebert, for their payment (phone: 3452 5310). All overdue items must be returned in a timely manner. This includes items such as:

- assessment
- library resources
- borrowed items
- borrowed money. Please discuss this with your student.

Study Leave

At this stage, it seems that:

- **Year 12 exams/study leave** is from Monday 10 November to Monday 17 November.
- **Year 11 exams/study leave** is from Monday 17 November to Monday 24 November.

The exam timetabled is presently being finalised.

Year 11 and Year 12 students, who have fulfilled all of their school commitments and whose parents give them permission, will be offered the option of study leave during the respective exam period outlined above. Students will need to return permission slips at the stated time and comply with study leave conditions. If students fail to comply with study leave requirements, study leave will be withdrawn immediately.

Letters about Uniform Try-On Nights / Music Auditions (Years 7 and 8, 2015)

Letters were mailed out to all new students to Mansfield High School in 2015 on Wednesday 15 October regarding:

- Bookings for the uniform try-on nights on Monday 3 November, Tuesday 4 November and Wednesday 5 November;
- Ordering of textbooks and stationery for 2015; and
- The music auditions for students to be allocated to the appropriate ensemble.

Please note that families should receive another mail-out by 21 November detailing the student’s class for next year and the language to be studied (either French or Japanese).

Books/Stationery for Next Year

The timetable for next year is still being worked on. By mid-November students should be advised about the availability of their chosen subject selection for 2015. Orders for books/stationery online through SEQUEL need to be made by 30 November.

*Ms Barbara Clarke, Deputy Principal*
Faculty News

Media

Drama

Upcoming Production

The Year 11 Drama students are very excited as they are preparing for the inaugural Cinematic Theatre Night entitled Broken Chains on Thursday 6 November at 6.30pm in the assembly hall. It is a self-devised production. This style of drama is relatively new and is highly innovative. It is a fusion of live performance and the magic of the big screen. Both Drama classes have been fortunate enough to have been working with an artist in residence, Steven Maxwell from Markwell Presents, the company that created Cinematic Theatre.

Broken Chains will be a highly dynamic performance and all members of the school community are welcome to attend for a gold coin donation.

Mrs Sue Pritchard, Head of Department (The Arts)

Health and Physical Education

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Tyler Mapri and Calvin Fooks who have both been invited to be part of the Australian Futsal team to tour Spain and the United Kingdom respectively. Well done Tyler and Calvin!

We had a small number of students who participated in the Queensland Schools Badminton Championships. Erin Laird was the winner for the 19 and Under Girls Singles; Jackie Lu and David Xue were the winners of the 19 and Under Boys Doubles; and Erin Laird and Crystal Seng formed the runner-up team in the 19 and Under Girls Doubles. Congratulations to our Mansfield badminton stars!

Tyler Mapri Calvin Fooks

Winner 19 and Under Girls Singles – Erin Laird

Winner 19 and Under Boys Doubles – David Xue and Jackie Lu

Runner-Up 19 and Under Girls Doubles – Crystal Seng and Erin Laird

Mr Nick Kalpakidis, Sports Coordinator
Ms Ash, Mrs Cross, Mrs Sue See and Mrs Belberova, had the pleasure of taking 41 very well presented and well-behaved Mansfield High girls to the Women in Sport Breakfast at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Wednesday 15 October. While enjoying a delicious breakfast, the girls were able to listen to three inspiring athletes: Cate Campbell (swimming), Courtney Hancock (iron woman) and Holly Terling (cricket). At the end of the presentation the girls also had the opportunity to take some photos with these wonderful athletes.

Mr Craig Healey, Head of Department (HPE)

Music News

Have you Ordered your 2014 Music DVDs Yet?

Your options include 2014 A Year of Music (double DVD), Mansfield Music Concerts 2014 (Double DVD) and Beauty and the Beast. An order form can be found in Music Newsletter #5 which was emailed to families earlier in the term. Hard copies are also available from outside the Music staffroom.

MusicFest Awards

Congratulations to all of the Music students, their conductors and their taxi driving parents who have been involved in MusicFest over the last few weeks!

The competition results are as follows:

- String Orchestra – Gold Award
- Chamber Winds – Silver Award
- Sinfonia – Gold Award
- Museaus – Gold Award
- Wind Ensemble – Silver Award
- Percussion Ensemble 1 – Platinum Award
- Percussion Ensemble 2 – Silver Award.

Auditions for 2015 –Current Students

The following procedure will be used for the audition of students for 2015 ensemble, band and choir placement:

**Option 1:** Instrumental students taking lessons at school will complete an exam / audition with their instrumental teacher.

**Option 2:** Students who do not learn through the instrumental program or who learn instruments outside the program will sign on for an audition time slot, in the week between Monday 3 November and Friday 7 November.

Choral Auditions

Students automatically progress to the next ensemble apart from those students wishing to join Chorale. Chorale auditions will be held in the week between Monday 3 November and Friday 7 November.

Ensemble and Lesson Finishing Times for 2014

Ensembles: Senior ensemble rehearsals and Junior ensemble rehearsals will finish on 25 October but some directors may continue for a short while after this. No rehearsals will be held after Friday 14 November to allow staff time for marking and organisation for 2015.

Lessons: All instrumental and vocal lessons will continue until the dates outlined on the students’ timetables. Please see individual teachers for confirmation of this. All lessons will finish by Friday 28 November.

Music and Folder Return

All ensemble music will be returned in the last week of rehearsals. Boxes were also available at the final concert for the return of music performed on the night. All students will keep their current folder to be used next year, unless it is damaged. New folders will be available by the end of Week 2 next year.

School Instruments / Stocktake

All students with school instruments must return them to the instrumental teaching room between 8.15am and 9.30am on Friday 21 November for the stocktake. Instruments will be available for reissue by Friday 5 December for holiday borrowing. There is no cost for holiday loans. All instruments must then be returned on the first day of school 2015 and will then be available for loan by the end of the first week.

School Instrument Hire and Purchase of New Instruments

It is the Policy of Education Queensland to supply school instruments for student use for just one year. At the end of this time it is the responsibility of parents to supply instruments for their children. This enables the school to then free up the instruments for the next group of students coming through. It is normal practice however, for students playing larger instruments such as tuba, euphonium and double bass, to have continued use of school instruments. In the past we have also made exceptions for students playing french horn and in some cases baritone saxophone, bass clarinet, bassoon, viola, cello and oboe. However, we do encourage students playing all instruments to consider the purchase of their own instrument. If you require details of the best type of instrument to purchase or the best places to go to get instruments, please contact the Music Department.

Do Not Consider Purchasing Instruments Directly from the Internet

There are some very poor quality instruments being sold very cheaply. Do not purchase these instruments – you will need to
purchase another in a very short amount of time. See the music staff for recommended brands.

Mrs Marg Overs, Head of Department (Music)

Humanities

Sustainability @ Mansfield

By Year 8L Sustainability Reporters - Sue Lee, Michael McGrath, Kaveesha Jayaweera, Aioife Hilton

Brisbane and other Australian cities are said to be the most liveable in the world, but how sustainable are we? At Mansfield High, we strive to be as sustainable as possible. We believe that sustainability is very important for our future. This is because the resources, processed without any thought to sustainability (such as fossil fuels etc), are running out and only develop over millions of years. The resources we conserve now using sustainable practices can be saved for future uses. We can help also reduce pollution levels and conserve economic, social and environmental well-being.

Our STEADFEAST Sustainability Garden, established in 2013, aims to introduce students to sustainable methods of gardening from seed collection through to harvest and all stages in between. The garden started as an unused patch of dirt between H and K Blocks and soon became the lush garden it is today, with the help of a dedicated MAP group and our Year 8 SDP classes, developing the area into a productive vegetable garden capable of being self-sufficient and an asset to the wider school community.

In 2014, with the dedicated work by Mr Simpson, Horticulture was introduced into the Student Development Program (SDP), enabling all Year 8 students to experience Horticulture as part of their education. In SDP students learn to use sustainable gardening methods such as: seasonal vegetable propagation, soil preparation, crop rotation, companion planting, worm farming, composting and seed saving. So far, Year 8s have made scarecrows and plant pots, planted seedlings and made several vegetable patches. This program will be expanded to include Year 7 students in 2015.

Our garden successfully uses the four R’s of Sustainability: Reusing, Recycling, Reducing and Repairing. Each newsletter we will focus on one aspect of sustainability and how it is applied in the STEADFEAST Sustainability Garden. We will also include ideas on how we can apply sustainability principles in our own households. Let's help make Brisbane not only liveable, but more sustainable!

Mr Lachlan Hackett, Acting Head of Department (Humanities)

Guidance News

Mater Education Diploma of Nursing

Mater Health Services offers a Diploma of Nursing. This course would suit school leavers interested in a career in health. Education and clinical training is delivered onsite and within clinical areas of the Mater. An Open Day is being held on Wednesday 29 October between 3.30pm to 6pm on Level 4, Mater Corporate Services Building Raymond Terrace, South Brisbane. For further information go to www.matereducation.qld.edu.au

Workforce Solutions

Workforce Solutions is offering internships. They are designed to provide the participants training in the following areas:

- Sales
- Recruitment
- Labour Hire
- Business
- Administration
- Reception
- Payroll
- Customer service
- Entrepreneurship.

The internships go for up to three months and there will be a few full-time positions available at the end of the internships. For further information contact Bianca-May Micallef at bianca-maym@workforcesolutions.com.au . Internet: www.workforcesolutions.com.au

QUT Real Decisions

Real Decisions is an opportunity for you to talk face-to-face with our academic and admissions staff about study choices after you know your OP. It is being held on Tuesday 23 December 9am to 1pm at P Block, Level 4, QUT Gardens Point. Post-school and mature-age students are also encouraged to attend. QUT staff will provide advice about courses and careers, and current students will be on hand to talk about their university experience. The program also includes campus tours, and seminars about:
• Study costs
• Upgrading pathways to university
• Overseas exchange opportunities
• Getting started with QUT.

For further information https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-real-decisions.

School Leavers Fee-Free Training
Year 12 graduates can now undertake fee-free training in high priority qualifications, as part of the Queensland Government’s Great skills, Real opportunities action plan.

With approximately 150 qualifications available, Year 12 graduates can enrol in a certificate 3 level qualification. For more information visit http://www.training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/funded-programs/certificate3/fee-free.html

12 Alternatives to ‘Losing it’ with your Child

We all know that children, including adolescents, at times, can ‘drive you crazy’. They may not listen. They are messy. They don’t think before they act. They don’t consider another’s feelings. Unfortunately these factors are a part of growing up, and it takes a loving family to help young people to learn to be respectful, responsible, tolerant, caring, loving and self-controlled. When everyday problems pile up, our tolerance as parents may not be as strong. Often our ability to control ourselves will be tested. We may be easily angered but the message here is: DON’T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD or CHILDREN or PARTNER. It’s a matter of musing your self-control (we all have it). Think of the benefits. If you show self-control, your child knows what it looks like and can copy it.

Here are some alternatives:

• Stop in your tracks. Step back. Sit down. Talk yourself back to calm.
• Take 5 deep breaths. Inhale. Exhale. Slowly. Slowly.
• Count to 10. Better yet, 20 or say the alphabet out loud or backwards.
• Phone a friend, or a relative. Even the weather number.
• Still mad? Punch a pillow, a punching bag or munch an apple.
• Thumb through a magazine, newspaper, photo album, work manual.
• Do some sit-ups, kick a ball, jog on the spot.
• Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts/feelings/frustrations.
• Take a shower, or better still, a bath.
• Lie down on the floor listening to your favourite music.
• Talk to your pet – they are good listeners and non-judgmental.
• Go to your shed (if you have one) otherwise do that gardening/mowing you need to do.

By now hopefully you are feeling calm. By now the problem may not have seemed like it deserved the blood pressure, but it’s time to deal with the issue in a calm, peaceful, rational way. You can do it. It’s all a matter of choice.

Mrs Karen Agnew / Ms Kamal Mistry, Guidance Officers

Youth Health Nurse

What is Anxiety?

About one in every ten young Australians aged 18-25 will have problems with anxiety. For young people aged 13-17, the figure is about one in every twenty five.

‘Anxiety’ is like ‘worry’. It’s an unpleasant emotion that most people feel at some time when they’re faced with challenges. Mild anxiety, such as just before a sporting event or an exam, can help people perform at their best. However when anxiety becomes more intense, causes distress, lasts for a longer time and interferes with daily living, then it’s a problem. Physical feelings of anxiety include a faster heart rate, faster breathing, muscle tension, sweating, shaking, and ‘butterflies in the stomach’. In a ‘panic attack’, these symptoms are very severe. Other common symptoms of anxiety are:

• Persistent worrying and excessive fears.
• Being unable to relax.
• Avoiding challenging situations.
• Excessive shyness.
• Being socially isolated or withdrawn.
• Trouble concentrating and paying attention.
• Poor sleep.
• Problems with work, social or family life.

Types of anxiety disorder may include:

Generalised anxiety disorder: Lots of worry about things, such as work, money, relationships.

Specific phobias: Intense fear of a particular situation or object, like spiders or small spaces. This fear often leads you to avoid the situation or object.

Panic disorder: Having panic attacks and worry about having another panic attack.

Social phobia: Continuing, excessive fear of being embarrassed in social situations, being judged badly by other people, or being criticised or ‘put down’.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD): Obsessions are unwanted thoughts, and compulsions are unwanted actions that can result. A common obsession is worry about dirt or contagious diseases. Common compulsions are hand-washing, counting objects and arranging things in a specific pattern.
Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): Symptoms can include ‘replaying’ unwanted memories in your mind, trouble sleeping, and checking for danger.

Many young people with anxiety problems also have symptoms of depression at the same time.

Getting Help for Anxiety

Different types of anxiety disorder need slightly different treatment. One approach, used for people with panic disorder, social phobia and generalised anxiety disorder, is to talk about how your thoughts influence your emotions. For some people, medication is helpful as well. Tell your family and friends about your difficulties so they can support you. Try to eat healthily, exercise and find ways to relax by listening to music, reading and doing activities that you enjoy. Avoid alcohol and other drugs as they often make anxiety worse in the long run and can lead to addiction problems. Seek some help from a doctor, psychologist or counsellor.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RM6jym0Eg0U

Helping Someone with Anxiety

A person with anxiety problems needs understanding and support. Anxiety can be improved with treatment, so it’s important that the person gets professional help. Be patient and listen to the person’s fears and concerns, and take them seriously. It’s not just a matter of telling them to ‘calm down’ - it’s not that easy. Be prepared to seek help or support for yourself as well if you need it. For more information, and to find out how to get help, visit: www.headspace.org.au www.youthbeyondblue.com www.kidshelp.com.au (1800 55 1800) Mater Child Youth and Mental Health http://www.kidsinmind.org.au/ or your doctor.

Community News

The Final P&C Meeting for 2014

The final P&C meeting for 2014 will be held on Thursday 27 November at 7pm at Southern Cross Sports Club, Cnr of Logan Rd and Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. All members are invited to meet at 6pm for dinner prior to the meeting at 7pm. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Sue Holley, sholl143@eq.edu.au or 3452 5337.

Life Membership for Mrs Farr

Congratulations to Mrs Marilyn Farr, former Community Liaison Officer and School Relations Officer, who became the inaugural life member of the Mansfield High School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the organisation and the school. Mrs Farr received her award from current President, Mrs Amanda Scarpato, at Presentation Evening last week.

P&C Raffle

The P & C Association is currently holding a raffle with prizes including a variety of Microsoft products which have been donated to the P&C. Thanks to parent Tim Barham who nominated the P&C as a not-for-profit organisation to receive the donation valued at $1500. Tickets in the raffle are $1 each or you can buy 3 for $2. If you would like to purchase tickets, please complete the attached form indicating how many tickets you would like in each prize option and return it, along with payment, in a sealed envelope to the upper office or Sue Holley before Thursday 27 November. Thank you for your support.

Rauchle Service Club

Soap orders should be ready for collection early next week. Students should listen to the daily notices and collect their orders from the Administration Block common room.

Thank you to all of the students and parents who helped out with the Rotary Book Sale and the Rotary Art Show. The members of the Wishart Rotary Club appreciate the support and assistance.

Environmental Council

Treasure the Trees

By Hillary Te – member of the Environmental Council

Going green doesn’t have to be a daunting task as there are so many simple ways to help the environment. Why not plant a tree in your back yard? Trees provide us with oxygen and even help to save water as shade from the trees slows water evaporation from the lawn. Planting a single tree in your backyard will make a difference in your immediate environment.

Saving the environment doesn’t always mean doing big things, as often it is the all of the little things that count. Here are five other ways you can help to save the environment:

- **Use both sides of the paper**: Set your printer’s default option to print double sided and then once you’re finished with printouts, put them in the recycling bin.
- **Recycle newspaper**: If everyone in Australia recycled just their Sunday paper, it would save more than half a million trees every week.
- **Take short showers**: Every two minutes you save on your shower can conserve litres of water!
- **Recycle old mobile phones**: The average mobile phone lasts around 18 months. If they go into landfill, the phones and their batteries introduce toxic substances into the environment. If you have an old mobile phone, you can recycle it by dropping it off at our library.
- **Turn off computers at night**: Turn off the computers at the end of the day instead of leaving them in sleep mode. Desktop PCs use a lot more energy than...
laptops so turning them off will make a noticeable difference to the electricity bill.

There are so many simple ways to help save the environment; we encourage everyone to plant at least one tree and to take up at least one of these simple hints to help save the environment. Every act no matter how big or small makes a difference.

**Chaplaincy**

**Surf Camp**

Can you believe school holidays are not far away? Being a long holiday, you may be looking for something for your son or daughter to participate in. Surf Camp may well be that thing. SU Qld camps are always well run, safe and fun. Chappy Glen recently participated as a leader on another SU camp during the September holidays and was blown away again by the way teenagers came together, sometimes not even knowing anybody and had a great time, were encouraged and made new friends. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

The SU team would hate for costs to be the barrier to your teenager experiencing this uplifting week, so if it is a genuine concern, please email Chappy Glen glenp@chappy.org.au and we may be able to offset part of it.

*Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer*

### Calendar of Events

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**Canteen Coordinator – Vacancy**

This role presents an opportunity for someone with a passion for both food and business – is this you? As Canteen Coordinator, you will be responsible for the operations of the canteen and our wonderful staff and volunteers each week day. Working up to 35 hours each week you have a unique opportunity to transition the canteen service prior to, during and after the canteen renovations. You will be required to work closely with our existing staff and provide a service to our school students and staff. The position is up to 12 months with the possibility of extension. For further information please contact Sue Holley on sholl143@eq.edu.au

*Mrs Debbie O’Neill, Acting Canteen Convenor*

**Telephone: 3452 5323**

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