9 December 2014

From the Principal

Thank you to our students, staff and parents for the
commitment and support that you have given our school and
its community this year, resulting in another positive and
successful school year at Mansfield High School. When I
consider our achievements in the areas of academia, culture,
service and sport, I feel very proud of our school community
and the tremendous amount of time, energy and effort invested
by you to achieve to such a high level.

We welcome our new Principal Mrs Karen Tanks to Mansfield
for 2015. Mrs Tanks joins us from Rochedale SHS where she
has been the Principal for five years. She will take up her new
role at the beginning of the new school year and is very much
looking forward to her new position at Mansfield.

In 2015 we will be welcoming our first cohort of Year Seven
students. As a teaching collegiate we have been planning for
the inclusion of Year Seven students for over two years. We
are looking forward to working with all of our junior secondary
students to ensure they have every opportunity to truly feel
welcome, to achieve their best and to be prepared. To enable
our new students to have access to an appropriate and
effective induction program, we have scheduled a staggered
start for the first week of 2015, meaning different year levels
start the 2015 school year on different dates. This schedule was
published in our last newsletter and is again detailed at the end
of this edition.

I wish you a wonderful summer holiday with family and friends
and hope all the members of our school community have an
opportunity to relax, unwind and reflect on your achievements
and contributions in 2014.

Farewell and Thank you Mrs Margaret Long

After some twenty-two years at Mansfield
High School, Mrs Margaret Long is giving
her final ‘cut-off’ at our school, packing
away her music, folding up her music stand
and stepping into the wonderful world of
retirement.

We as a school community would like to express our gratitude
to Mrs Long for her dedication, innovation and inspiration over
the years. Her work has changed the lives so positively of so
many FOR EVER!

When Mrs Long came to Mansfield, the choral program was
very limited. She has been instrumental in its amazing growth.
For example, the Senior choir Chorale, has indeed won Choral
Fanfare on multiple occasions. Mrs Long established a male
chorus, encouraging boys generally to join choirs. She
introduced the Kodaly methodology into the music classrooms
and played a vital role in music curriculum development. Mrs
Long has also played an important role in mentoring student
teachers and teachers new to the profession. To assist with
these undertakings, and being a lifelong learner that she is, Mrs
Long completed a Masters in Choral Conducting.

Mrs Long, thank you for your outstanding contribution to our
school and for caring so much about our young people. Thank
you for sharing your joy of music. May you spend many
wonderful years with your family and especially your
grandchildren. May you also find time to travel the world.
Goodbye and very best wishes from the Mansfield High School wider community! May the TEAL continue to play a steadfast song in your heart!

Ms Linda Peterson, Acting Principal

O- My-Bama: The President’s UQ Address

L-R: Tooru Nishido, Liam Hardie, Hon Ian Walker Member for Mansfield, Kate Holley, Crystal Seng and Alexandra Radke receiving our invitations.

It goes without saying that watching any of US President Barack Obama’s speeches will leave you speechless. However, watching a speech live with him is absolutely unforgettable. There are very few people in the world who can receive a standing ovation from an audience of over two thousand people from just a few words. Obama is undoubtedly one of them. On the G20 weekend in November, Kate and Liam (2014 School Captains), Crystal (2014 Senior Dux), Alexandra and I (2015 School Captains) and Ms Clarke (Deputy Principal) had the once in a lifetime opportunity to queue at the University of Queensland in the blazing sun as we waited at security checkpoints for over an hour. Of course this was not the highlight of our day, but we were thankful when we finally entered the cool auditorium. We had been invited to be present for President Obama’s speech at the University of Queensland. Conveniently we all had a clear calendar that day, although I suppose revising for an exam takes a back seat compared with attending an Obama speech. Inside the auditorium there was a buzz of excitement. As we were taking our seats the music stopped, everyone took a deep breath ready to welcome President Obama to the stage, fixated their eyes on centre stage and...the music started again. Hilarious! (Maybe you had to be there to appreciate that experience!) When President Obama actually took to the stage, he was met with a wave of cheers and applause from the audience.

He began talking. Silence fell across the room and every person was captivated by what he had to say. One could almost hear a pin drop. President Obama is undoubtedly one of the greatest speakers of our time. He knows exactly how to engage an audience with a perfect blend of entertaining humour, messages about solid political issues and enough subtle comments to cause outrage. The way in which President Obama seamlessly transfers tone from humorous to political and back to humorous again is one skill that all of us were marvelling at as we left the auditorium. Reflecting on the speech, I think the largest lesson we learnt was that despite being the most powerful person in the world, it’s still possible to be a normal person who can relate to everyday domestic issues and be passionate about fixing global problems (even if your views may damage your international relations). I know I speak for all of us when I say that President Obama’s speech left us speechless. It truly is one of the most amazing experiences of our lives and I can’t stress enough how much we all appreciated this one in a lifetime opportunity.

By Tooru Nishido (2015 School Captain)

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.

New Textbooks and Stationery for 2015

All stationery and new textbooks may be purchased through Sequel. This includes the purchase of a single new textbook. Booklists can be printed from the school website https://mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Booklists/Pages/Booklists.aspx

If you placed an order with Sequel and did not request home delivery, your order will be available for collection at the school on Monday 19 January 2015 and Tuesday 20 January 2015 between 8am and 2pm only at the school hall. Please note that queues can be lengthy, so allow plenty of time.

Second-Hand Textbooks for 2015

The second-hand bookshop will be open in the music practice room (beside the uniform shop) on:

• the last two days of school (11 and 12 December) 7.30am to 12noon,
• in the week before school commences (19 - 23 January 2015) 7.30am to 12noon; and
• on the first two days of school (27 and 28 January 2015) 7.30am – 10.30am.

Please support the second-hand bookshop – there are bargains to be found! We do our best, but be aware we cannot guarantee a copy of the book you require will be available as stock depends on what is offered for sale from previous students who no longer require their texts.

If you are purchasing a Year 8, 9 or 10 second-hand Maths textbook, we strongly recommend you pay an additional $5 for a copy of the e-Book, as e-Book licences only last 12 months.
and therefore would have expired with the second-hand book you are purchasing. The additional $5 can be paid on the day of purchase of the second hand maths book at the second-hand bookshop and the e-Book will be issued to your student in the new school year by the Maths Department teachers.

It is preferred that second-hand books are paid for by either cash or cheque. EFTPOS facilities will be available, but there may be long delays in processing due to customer numbers.

Ms Barbara Clarke, Deputy Principal

Faculty News

HPE

Results of Mansfield Sports Group (MSG) Raffle 2014

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Caitlin and Lachlan Profke – Mitchell Sciacca – Harvey Norman Carindale juicer at Willowbank Raceway

Sophie and Ruby Raymont – winner Bunnings BBQ pack

Jake Lee – seller of winning ticket of Pacific Golf Club package

Humanities

By the 8L Sustainability Reporters

Aoife Hilton, Sue Lee, Kaveesha Jayaweera, Michael McGrath,

Firstly, we would like to thank Queensland Rail for the disused wooden sleepers donated to the Steadfeast Garden Program. They will be very useful in the establishment of a garden for the 2015 Year 7s and 8s to assist with the creation of green spaces around the school, particularly near the Science Block and Administration.

Secondly, this week, the Sustainability Reporters surveyed the class of 8L and six random students in the playground. Also, we addressed American President Barack Obama’s comments from this year’s G20 regarding Queensland’s approach on saving the Great Barrier Reef. The G20 is an informal group of 19 countries and the European Union, with representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. The finance ministers and central bank governors began meeting in 1999, at the suggestion of the G7 finance ministers in response to the global financial crisis of 1997-99.

Word on The Street: “What sort of sustainable practices do you use in your household?”
The Arts

International Film Festival Award for Mansfield Arts Alumni

Mansfield High Alumni student Erin O’Shiel, was our top graduating Film, TV and New Media Student in 2012. In the last issue of the newsletter, you may have read that she returned to Mansfield as one of our Mansfield Stars to share her experiences as a Tertiary Film Student at the prestigious Griffith Film School at South Bank Brisbane. Since then the news for Erin has just got better with her collaboration on the music video ‘Slacks’ taking out First Prize of the Student Category at the Los Angeles Music Video Festival – the world’s premiere music video awards. With over 600 entries from 34 nations around the globe, this is an amazing success and indicates the quality and achievement of The Arts students from our school.

Solar Panels, LED lights, vegetable gardens, and rain water tanks are very popular in these survey results. Our online survey of 8L concluded that 42% of the students of 8L tend a vegetable garden, 35% use solar panels, and 29% have LED lights in their homes. Why do Australian families find these sources of sustainability useful? Well, these practices reduce electricity bills, they are environmentally friendly, are low/no maintenance, don’t create air or noise pollution and solar panels are a free source of energy and are a 100% renewable resource.

During the G20, President Obama referred to our care of the Great Barrier Reef. The reef is damaged or destroyed due mainly to sun damage from the eroding ozone layer. To the audience at the University of Queensland, he warned that “the incredible natural glory of the great barrier reef is threatened by climate change”. He stated that, “I have not had time to go to the Great Barrier Reef and I want to come back, and I want my daughters to be able to come back, and I want them to be able to bring their sons or daughters to visit, and I want the Great Barrier Reef there fifty years from now.” The Australian government is currently regulating the amount of dredging in the Great Barrier Reef, culling coral-eating crown-of-thorns, and the “Reef Trust” will invest an initial $40 million to improve species protection, coastal habitats and the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef. Hopefully, these actions will protect the Great Barrier Reef so Obama’s wishes will be met.

Mr Lachlan Hackett, Acting Head of Department
(Humanities)
Slacks has been lauded around the world as an enormously powerful tribute to sisters and family relationships. The music video has gained acclaim in a number of other forums including:

- Finalist BAFTA Aesthetica Short Film Festival – Music Video Finalist
- Selected alongside a London Grammar music video
- Showcased at various UK student film festivals
- Premiering on the ABC’s Triple J ‘Home and Hosed’ on June 6 2014
- Featured on MTV’s ‘Finding Carter’ after the release of the video.

Erin and her team’s music video is simply gorgeous. You can view it here at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EidCx-idrw

Ms Sue Pritchard, Head of Department (The Arts)

Community News

Thank you to our Sponsors...

Each year companies provide us with vouchers and merchandise to use as prizes for our Mini-Olympics. This year we would like to say a huge “thank you” to the following supporters:

- AMF Bowling Centre, Cannon Hill
- Domino’s Pizza – Upper Mt Gravatt
- McDonald’s Mt Gravatt/Wishart
- Red Rooster
- Krista Adams.

P&C Raffle Draw

Congratulations to the following winners of the P & C Association raffle. Thanks to parent Tim Barham who nominated the P&C as a not-for-profit organisation to receive the donation valued at $1500. We appreciate your support.

- Office Home & Business 2013 – Sue Eichperger
- Office Home & Business 2013 – Made Yadnya
- Office: Mac Home & Student 2011 – Dean Madden
- Publisher 2013 – Tony Albuquerque
- Flight Simulator Gold Edition – Liam Mariner
- Flight Simulator Deluxe Edition – Cara Schulz

Chaplaincy News

Food for Thought: The Perfect Gift

As we head into the start of December many of us start to think about preparations for Christmas celebrations. A lot of people can become very stressed about finding that ‘perfect gift’ for various family members and friends.

Take a minute to consider this though. One of the other things that we tend to do at Christmas is that we think of loved ones who are no longer with us. We value these people not because of the money they spent on us or the presents we received from them. Instead we value them mostly because of the love that they gave to us.

Although there is nothing wrong with giving and receiving presents, the truth of the matter is this: your friends and family members are amongst the most valuable gifts that you have ever been given. Don’t be so busy with preparations for Christmas that you miss out on spending quality time with these people. Your time is what they want and need the most.

Christmas holiday SU Qld camps

Here are two great options for your kids this coming school holidays: Surf Camp or SMADD (song, music, art, drama, dance). Both camps are in the first week of January 2015. SU Qld camps are always well run, safe and fun. Chappy Glen will be a leader on the Surf Camp and other Mansfield students will be attending.

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

From 1 January 2015 the school tennis courts will only be available for hire $10.00 per hour. We want everyone to use the courts over the School Holidays. To book courts please go to www.schoolcourthire.com.au or 0411758988. If you have a key please return it as all locks will be changed from 1 January 2015.

Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer

Canteen Roster

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

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Canteen Telephone: 3452 5323

Calendar of Events

| Monday 8 December | Year 8 and Year 9 final week activities  
|                  | Bookshop/Uniform Shop open (7.30am – 12noon)  
|                  | Uniform Shop pick-up for Year 7 (7.30am – 12noon)  
| Tuesday 9 December | Year 8 and Year 9 final week activities  
|                  | Bookshop/Uniform Shop open (7.30am – 12noon)  
|                  | Uniform Shop pick-up for Year 7 (7.30am – 12noon)  
| Wednesday 10 December | Year 8 and Year 9 final week activities  
|                  | Bookshop/Uniform Shop open (7.30am – 12noon)  
|                  | Uniform Shop pick-up for Year 7 (7.30am – 12noon)  
|                   | Year 11 reports posted  
| Thursday 11 December | Year 8 and Year 9 final week activities  
|                  | CHANGE: Year 8 and Year 9 reports issued at 8.50am  
|                  | Bookshop/Uniform Shop open (7.30am – 12noon)  
|                  | Year 10 reports posted  
|                  | Year 12 references posted  
|                  | Uniform Shop pick-up Year 7 (7.30am – 12noon)  
| Friday 12 December | FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 STUDENTS  

13 December – 26 January

SUMMER VACATION

Monday 19 January 2015 – School Office re-opens 8am – 4pm

Monday 26 January 2015 – AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 27 January 2015 – ONLY YEAR 7, TIP LEADERS AND PREFECTS AT SCHOOL

Wednesday 28 January 2015 – ONLY YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 11, TIP LEADERS AND PREFECTS AT SCHOOL

Thursday 29 January 2015 – ALL YEAR LEVELS AT SCHOOL

Friday 30 January 2015 – ALL YEAR LEVELS AT SCHOOL

SENIOR INVESTITURE for Year 12s and their parents (9.15am to 10.15am) in the presence of Years 7,8,11

Tuesday 3 February - School photos Years 9,10,11

MAP Block 1 selection for Years 7,8,9

Wednesday 4 February – Per 1B Swimming Carnival nominations in house areas

MAP Block 1 selection for Years 10,11,12

Year 11 Parent Evening 7-9pm

Thursday 5 February – Student Council nominations due by 9am to SDP teachers

School photos Years 7,8,12

Friday 6 February – School Swimming Carnival for whole school at Chandler