1 April 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we come to the end of Term 2, parents and students are wished a relaxing and enjoyable time together over the holidays. Next term sees continued work being done in the Student Development Program, Literacy and Numeracy and the implementation of the teaching model known as the Art and Science of Teaching. These important initiatives contribute to the achievement of the school strategic plan.

Also next term the roll out of the facilities plan to prepare the school for the arrival of the Year 7 students will continue. When we commence back at school, the elevated walkway around the Administration Building will have been removed. While this work is being completed, there will be restricted access to Administration and parents should refer elsewhere in this newsletter for advice as to how to access the building and where recommended parking is.

Enjoy the school holiday break and keep shining!

YEAR 9 AND 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS – SEMESTER 2, 2014

Year 9 and 10 students will be receiving a Subject Selection Form for Semester 2, 2014 on Monday 28 April (Week 2 of Term 2). In theory there will not be much movement as most subjects continue their course of study into Semester 2; however, some subjects are one semester long and changes will be necessary. Maths, Science and English continue for the whole year in both Year 9 and 10.

Year 9 Information: HPE and History are COMPELLSORY for one semester each. Students will swap from one to the other on the same line. Digital Technologies (formerly Computer Education) is a COMPELLSORY one semester subject. Students who have studied it in Semester 1 will choose an additional elective for Semester 2. Students who haven’t studied it will need to drop an elective to choose Digital Technologies (CDT). If students wish to change their elective, they may nominate to do so; however, preference is given to students who are already studying the subject.

Year 10 Information: The subjects that are only one semester are: History - Mysteries of the Past (HIM); Introduction to Physical Sciences (SCP); Introduction to Biology (SCB); Crime and Punishment (CIC); Music – Setting up a Band (MSB); Hospitality (HSP); and IT Online (ITO). Some of these electives will repeat and there will be some new Semester 2 electives that students can choose.

Instructions will be on the sheet and students should see Ms Hamilton if they have questions.

YEAR 10 STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – SEXUAL EDUCATION LESSON

As part of our Year 10 Student Development Program, in Term 2 Week 2 teachers will be conducting a lesson regarding Sexual Education. The sixty minute lesson will be a very factual one and the following topics will be covered briefly:

- Making wise and informed decisions.
- What is meant by “safe sex”.
- Different methods of contraception.
- Some potential short and long term effects of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Agencies which provide information about sexual health.
- Legalities of sexual activities.
- Legalities of sexting.

If parents do NOT wish their students to be involved in this lesson, they are to complete the tear-off slip on the letter provided to students. Students are to then return the slip to their SDP Teachers by THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2014.
PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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 construction of the new 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. 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. Thank you for trying to make our school environment safer. It is so important!

We have recently allocated two regulation size 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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

STUDENT ABSENCE / LATE PROCEDURES

1. A note from a parent or guardian in explanation of a student’s absence must be presented to the Form Teacher within two days of returning to school. Except in special circumstances, failure to do so will result in a detention.
2. 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.
3. If a student will be knowing absent for assessment, it is school policy not to administer the test earlier.

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. 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, forms or sports items, must be a rare occurrence. Messages for students may only be passed on from parents or guardians.

YEAR 8 to 12 MID-SEMESTER REPORTS

The end of term one reports for Years 9 to 12 will display the student’s achievement level, effort, behaviour and homework. Year 8 reports will also include these aspects in addition to a comment for each subject. In conjunction with the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student nights in weeks 1 and 2 in Term 2, teachers will indicate on this report whether an interview is requested.

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PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT NIGHTS

The format of our Parent/Teacher/Student Night will be as in previous years. Interviews will be held in F Block on the dates and at the times listed below. Parents are to make the bookings themselves by logging onto a site. Parents who have no access to a computer may come to our school to use a computer. The process will be explained in detail on the yellow sheet that your student will receive on the same day, as when the student receives his/her mid-sem report. If you have any difficulties, please phone the school, so that we may help you. It is vital that the timelines are adhered to. The evenings and times for the particular year levels are:

- Years 8, 9 and 10: Wednesday 23 April 3.30pm until 7.30pm
- Years 11 and 12: Wednesday 30 April 3.30pm until 7pm.
BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS

Facilities Update
You will be pleased to know our new three storey building is progressing and is on track for completion in time for our 2015 school year. We are proceeding with the refurbishment of the Administration suspended walkway and unfortunately, there will be no entry to the Administration Building via Broadwater Road. This area will be a construction site and closed to public entry from the 4 April until the end of Term 2. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but the new car park will provide more wheelchair access and visitors car parking spaces, which are greatly needed.

Please note that the best access to Administration Lower and Upper Offices will be from Ham Road entering via the Hall, until the refurbished entry and car park to the Administration is completed by the start of Term 3. Please do not park in the disabled car parks in the Ham Road car park next to the Hall as we have students who need to be dropped off to school and collected daily via these car park spaces.

Finance Update
Thanks to the many parents who have commenced payment of their 2014 subject charges. We have added BPAY and Centre Pay as other options to make these payments more convenient for you. Do not hesitate to contact me on 3452 5310 if you wish to discuss your student’s account.

Library Fund
Our Library has enjoyed growth and renewal of resources over past years thanks to the generous donations from parents and from the P&C. Every donation is appreciated. If you would like to contribute so that we can extend the library, all contributions made are GST free and tax deductible. The Library Fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Fund that is registered with the Australian Taxation Office. Bank details for the Mansfield High School DGR Library Fund are - BSB: 064118, Account Number 10406498.

Building Improvements Fund
Our School has a similar DGR Fund for Building Improvements, including the construction of a covered grandstand over the tiered seating area facing the oval to provide a seating/suitable lunch area for students. This type of project falls outside of the current Government Funding Programs. The P&C is currently the only contributor to this fund and local businesses and parents are encouraged to make a tax deductible donation to this fund. Bank details for the Mansfield High School DGR Building Fund are - BSB: 064118, Account Number 10208790.

If you wish to donate to either of these funds, you can do so by using the direct deposit details as above with your customer number as the reference, or by cash or cheque to the Lower Office. A tax receipt will be issued for each deposit for taxation purposes.

ENGLISH NEWS
Somerset Excursion
A group of 50 students recently attended the Somerset Celebration of Literature Festival. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to listen to authors discuss the processes involved in writing and publishing. Students were also able to purchase books and have them signed by the writers. As always, our students were impeccably behaved and asked intelligent and thought-provoking questions during the Q & A sessions. The accompanying teachers thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with such passionate lovers of literature!
Fascinate Young Writers Festival
Mount Gravatt PCYC in association with the Garden City Library and Year 11 students from Macgregor State High School present the “Fascinate” Young Writers Competition Awards Ceremony for the 9th year running.

“Fascinate” Young Writers Festival is a FREE opportunity for all young people aged 8-18 to use their creativity to produce a piece of original writing in the categories of poetry or short story. The Award Ceremony celebrates the young peoples’ work. Various entries are read during the ceremony and all young people receive a certificate of participation and a printed copy of the booklet produced.

All entries are due on the 11 July and need to be emailed electronically to jeanette.mcghee@pcyc.org.au. Young people who enter the competition compete in three age groups:
1) Junior 8 -11 years of age
2) Upper primary/Lower Secondary 12 – 14 years of age
3) Seniors 15-18.

Prizes will be awarded to the best story in each category. These will be presented at an Awards Ceremony which is being held at the Garden City Library on the 21 August at 6pm.

For more information for “Fascinate” 2013 please contact Jeanette McGhee at the Mount Gravatt PCYC on 3420 4655 or email jeanette.mcghee@pcyc.or.au, Entry forms are also available at Garden city library.

HUMANITIES NEWS
On Monday 3 March, the Year 12 Geography class went on an excursion to Dutton Park, Boggo Road Urban Village and Kelvin Grove Urban Village. The fieldwork involved investigating the changing patterns of urban development in inner city Brisbane. We were a bit unlucky with the showers throughout the day; however, it did not stop the enthusiastic students making detailed observations of the evolving urban landscape.

LANGUAGES NEWS
Exchange Opportunities for French Language Students
Applications for the Swiss Exchange for Year 11 French students are now open. The application is on the Common Drive for students or can be emailed home to parents, if requested. Students can also ask their French teacher for more information. This is organised through Education Queensland International Services for all students of French across Queensland. A chaperone is appointed to accompany the Queensland group to and from Switzerland. The Swiss exchange students stay in Brisbane for eight weeks in July/August and the Queensland students will go to Switzerland in December/January.

It is helpful for families of Year 8 and Year 9 students to know what other exchanges exist for French students so the budget can be planned! Other exchanges include:

New Caledonia: One week for Years 8-12 (places are still available for this year's trip). Two teachers will accompany the group.

France: Three weeks in September in Rouen and Paris for Years 10-12. The French school group comes to Brisbane in February and the exchange is every second year. Two teachers accompany the students. The group has been decided for 2015 but students can be placed on a waiting list if any current Year 10 or Year 11 students are still interested. The 2017 exchange will be for current Year 8 and Year 9 students.

France – Strasbourg: Years 10-12. This is a long exchange and is only available if a suitable reciprocal exchange student can be found in our sister school in Strasbourg. The French student comes to Mansfield during July/August and the Mansfield students go to France in December/January. They do not travel with a chaperone.

Please contact Madame Kokot (skoko1@eq.edu.au) if you would like to know more about any of our wonderful exchange opportunities.
For the last month we have had Yodai Matsui with us who has been studying at Griffith University and is from Nagoya, Japan. He has enjoyed teaching kanji to students, conversing with students and teaching students about Japanese culture.

A message from Yodai: Hi I'm Yodai from Nagoya. I have really enjoyed my time here in the Japanese classes. I like communicating with everybody and that's why I chose English to learn at University in Japan. I hope to speak English fluently one day. I try not to be afraid of making mistakes. Japanese students please remember that - don't be afraid to try. Thank you for having me in your classes. See you again one day.

On Wednesday 26 March we had a group of Japanese high school students visit us for half a day. They were from various high schools in Japan on a program through Education Queensland International. The Japanese students enjoyed a tour of Mansfield SHS, visiting classes and had morning tea with their Mansfield ‘buddies’. A pleasant morning was enjoyed by all.

MUSIC NEWS
Music Camp 2 (May 10 - 12), Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands
There are still a few places available for students wishing to go on Music Camp 2. If you would like to attend, please see Mrs Overs ASAP.

SCIENCE NEWS
Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Inspired by Science? Then this is for you....
Girls @ the Heart of Science
The conference aims to immerse high-achieving young women from throughout Queensland in Science. Facilitated by scientists from University of Queensland, industry representatives and St Aidan’s, the conference is aimed at girls in Years 10-12 wanting to continue their Science education.

During the conference, you will discover the world-leading scientific research being conducted here in Queensland and hear from inspiring female scientists who are part of the dynamic local and international scientific community.

It is your opportunity to hear from women working in the areas of: Engineering, Marine Biology, Mathematics, ICT, Medicine, Immunology, Genetics, Psychology, Pharmacy, Environmental Science and Chemistry and find out the different pathways into these careers.

Where: Archer and Templeton Science and Technology Centre
$80 per student (Includes one free accompanying adult. $20 per additional adult.)

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS
External Senior Exams
Year 12 students wishing to apply to sit External Senior Examinations, particularly in the area of languages other than English, need to see Ms Wenzel in F10 this week. The examinations available for the following languages other than English are: Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Modern Greek, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Students who sit for these exams usually have the results credited towards their OP and they count for four semesters of credit. Students are eligible to sit a maximum of two examinations if they cannot study the subject/s at school. Students must be able to demonstrate they are receiving an appropriate level of tuition in the examination subject. All examinations occur in October and November 2014. Registration and payment is due at our school by 23 April 2014.

GUIDANCE NEWS
Allied Health Careers Forum
Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in learning more about careers in the allied health industry, are invited to attend a forum at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Students will attend an information session and view interactive stalls on the 30 April. Any student who is interested needs to see the Guidance Officer, as limited spaces are available.
Griffith Experience Day

Year 12 students have been notified of an opportunity to attend an experience day at Griffith University next term. Experience Griffith is a practical and engaging way for students to get a taste of university life. It will include an interactive campus tour and two degree-specific sessions. Students need to see a Guidance Officer to register their interest, as limited spaces are available.

SkillsTech Open Day

Come along and check out the SkillsTech Training Centres. Talk with trade teachers, have a go at some practical activities and find out more about what SkillsTech Australia has to offer:
- Bracken Ridge (Wednesday 28 May, 10am to 2pm)
- Acacia Ridge (Wednesday 4 June, 10am to 2pm)
- Eagle Farm (Wednesday 18 June, 4pm to 7pm)

Student Email

Students are reminded to regularly check and clear out their student email so that they can receive information about various opportunities and resources (mis.eq.edu.au). The Guidance Officer will advertise opportunities on student notices and use student email as a form of communication.

Careers and Employment Expo

This event is a showcase of tertiary institutions, training colleges, employers and Government initiatives in Queensland.

Dates:  
- Friday 23 May (9am - 3.30pm)
- Saturday 24 May (10am - 4pm)

Venue:  

University Open Days

Open days are an excellent opportunity for students considering university to get a real “feel” for the university and attend lectures and talks of specific faculties and careers. Universities will publish detailed programs closer to the dates listed below:

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<td><strong>The University of Queensland</strong></td>
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A Grown-up’s Guide to the (Cyber) Universe

Any adult with children beyond the nappy stage is undoubtedly concerned about the influence and temptations of the rapidly developing technological world. Once, we tried to keep our children safe on the street and in our homes; now they can be reached silently, secretly through mobile phone and computer, by text, by email, by a quick encounter in a chat room, a photo on a phone. Not everyone in cyberspace is there for friendship’s sake. The headlines are full of stories of young people who followed their natural curiosity and trust too far. In addition, this is a world that belongs to any young person who is savvy about the computer and other devices (usually in a way that an adult would be unaware of) and easily outmanoeuvred.

As with any issue, building the kind of respect and trust between adult and child that leads to good communication begins long before the issues do, but even with this basis, children who reach the age of ten or eleven and beyond are anxious to have their own freedoms, their own worlds, their own secrets even in the best of times. With the cyber-scene changing with every season, and new adaptations and fads driving it, it takes an effort to stay clued up about cyberspace. In fact, the extreme incidents are rare; what’s common, and what this mostly-unsupervised space lends itself to very easily, is bullying. Once, home was at least a place safe from peers’ bullying; now there is no protection for cyber-stealth. Making sure your child does not participate with the bullies (too tempting when all is secret, and a push of a button sends hate through the air) is important.

Keep these ideas in mind from the very beginning, when the computer and mobile are delivered. Discussion about use should begin even before that time. Set up computers out in the open. The chance of observation may keep some users on track.

- Work together to set up some guidelines, and talk about dangers.
- Establish a family email account that all can use for sign-ins; for instance, at gaming websites.
- Consider using a filtering device.
- Emphasise that privacy is vital. Names, addresses, pin numbers, but also photographs and other clues are not for the internet. Discuss the dangers. There are no secrets in cyberspace. Use privacy settings on social networking sites. Remind them that everything is traceable.
- Teach your young people to trust instincts that suggest there is danger. If children want to test a website or chat room visitor, see what happens when they suggest they are discussing things with their parents.
- Don’t delete search and chat histories, in case there are problems. Printing off messages is good evidence.
- If you feel a threat is dangerous (as in bullying messages) and would ordinarily contact the police or the school, follow through. However, young people are traditionally very reluctant to admit to being bullied. This is even more the case when they fear having their access to mobile or internet removed.
- Know the typical behaviours that may signal a child is being bullied. Bullies may also exhibit unusual behaviour.
- Threatening or abusive messages or pictures sent to a classmate or anyone else may incur a fine or even imprisonment. Talk to the police.
- Remind them that they should be respectful in what they send on the internet. Words sound different when written, not spoken or when published for everyone to see. If they are receiving bullying messages, DO NOT RESPOND. Bullies get their enjoyment from seeing a target’s distress. But do talk to an adult!
- Finally, try to stay current! Browse the internet; try some games and chat rooms. Slang, fads, games can all change constantly.

This information has been supplied by Say No to Bullying. The following guide provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It suggests what you could do if your child is the target or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour. [http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/docs/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf](http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/docs/cyberbullying-cybersafetyprintfriendlyguide.pdf)

COMMUNITY NEWS
A Story to Bring Joy…
For some years we have sent used items via a Chaplain in our area to Papua New Guinea. This has included: used library books, other resources which are not usable by other schools here, and school uniform items that cannot be sold. This is part of a letter sent to the Chaplain from the community contact person in PNG:

Some days ago I received a big shipment from you. Most of the things have been disturbed in the meantime. Let me recall:

The school uniform shirts, trousers, blouses and skirts went mostly to our 100 literacy students in the age between 11 and 20. Not for the first time I underestimated completely the importance of these uniforms for our students. I was thinking about the fact that many of them have only two or three shirts (the street boys among them only one). Only later I realised that the uniforms had an additional meaning for our kids. Most of them are at school for the first time. Now for the first time they are recognisable as students, being at school, not like the many in the settlements sitting around without anything to do.

The overhead projectors went to three schools. The pullovers went to another school with a suitable climate. The hats were absolutely the hottest items in the eyes of the kids. There were also four pairs of shoes. I gave two out (one to Peter, a Grade 5 student). Two pairs disappeared from our office. The wonderful coloured pencils etc. went to our Street Children Centre. I can’t recall now the other beautiful things but like always, I gave everything free as we received it free thanks to you.
If you have items that you no longer use, such as school uniforms, dictionaries, writing equipment and you would like to include it in a shipment to PNG, please send the items to Mrs Holley, our Community Liaison Officer, or if it is a large amount, please email Mrs Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au to make an alternative arrangement.

**Student’s Australian Athletics Success**

Year 11 student Alessandria Riding (pictured right) recently competed at the Australian National Junior Championships, held at Sydney Olympic Park, as a member of the Queensland Heat Athletics Team. She competed in the Women’s U17 400m hurdles, in which is known to be one of the toughest races an athlete can compete. Alessandria qualified to compete at Nationals after running this distance for the first time. She now has five races under her belt and has finished in the top 20 in Australia. This is the second time in four months that Alessandria has represented Queensland in athletics. Last December, she finished 8th in the U16 200 metre hurdles at the Australian All Schools Championships in Townsville. Congratulations Alessandria!

**Student Reps Help Advise Council**

Lauren Mears, Emily Williamson and Saoirse O’Connor (pictured below) have all been selected to represent Mansfield High on Council led initiatives in 2014. Saoirse will represent our School on the Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council (LMYAC). The LMYAC 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. Lauren and Emily will be our representatives on Brisbane’s Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN). SELN aims to develop young people as leaders and provides opportunities for young people in Brisbane 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 girls!

**The Next P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 1 May at 7pm** in F Block – F4/5. New members are always welcome.

**Environmental Council - Passion for a Greener Future**

**Teachers’ Car Wash Challenge**

During the lunch break on 1 April, the members of the Environmental Council are holding the inaugural Teachers’ Car Wash Challenge. Teachers have paid $5 for a team of 4-5 students to wash away the mud from last week’s wet weather. The teams will be judged on the cleanliness of the cars, the amount of soap and water used and teamwork. All proceeds from the event will be used to pay for the sponsorship of our Koala, Guppy.

**Mobile Muster**

Do you have a collection of old mobile phones in a drawer at home? Not sure what to do with them? We can help! Just drop your old phone and accessories into the Mobile Muster collection box in the library. They are 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!
Rauchle Service Club  
**Pancake Day**

Once again the students and teachers of Mansfield High School turned out in droves to support our annual Pancake Day and help the Rauchle Service Club raise valuable funds to support their regular charities. This year the event raised $1255 and these profits will be used to pay the sponsorship of our overseas student Lauren and to support the Special Children’s Christmas Party. Any remaining money will go into our general fund to be distributed to our other charities later in the year. Special thanks to Mrs Lyn Jell who helped us make the batter.

**Are you having a clean out during the holidays?**

As their major fundraiser in term 2, the members of the Rauchle Service Club are holding a *suitcase rummage* and are looking for donations of clothing, shoes, CDs, games, jewellery…anything that teenagers might be interested in buying. Donations can be left with Mrs Holley in the Upper Admin.

**Save the Date...**

Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June – **Rotary Club of Wishart Book Sale** at the Mt Gravatt Show Grounds. Rauchle Service Club members are encouraged to help with the pack up on Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

**Lions Health Expo**

Free Seniors Health Expo on Wednesday 7 May from 9.30 am to 1pm at Sunnybank Hills Primary School, Symons Road, Sunnybank Hills. Topics covered are Diabetes Type 2, Alzheimer’s disease, stroke and palliative care. Interactive displays. Hosted by MacGregor Lions Club. Registrations please phone 33442622.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Tuesday 1 April | Newsletter on website/hard copy  
Yr 9 NAPLAN Practice test  
Environmental Council Carwash (lunchtime) |
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| Wednesday 2 April | SD Summer Round 8 / MAP Per 4  
QDU Round 2 – Yr 10 and Yr 12  
Yr 9 NAPLAN Practice test  
Uniform Committee Meeting 6pm |
| Thursday 3 April | Yr 9 NAPLAN Practice test  
School Cross Country – Per 3 & 4 for students who have trained  
Student Council Meeting 1.10pm in F Block |
| Friday 4 April | Yr 8, 9, 10 Mid-Semester Reports issued in Form Class  
Yr 12 Dance Practice Per 4 (hall)  
Yr 11 and Yr 12 Drama excursion (Macbeth) 11am  
Yr 11 Legal court visit – Form to Per 3 |

**EASTER VACATION**

Saturday 5 April to Monday 21 April

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| Wednesday 23 April | Yr 9 Colonial History Per 1 & Per 2 (hall)  
SD Summer Round 9 / Map Per 4  
Yr 8, 9, 10 Parent / Teacher / Student Evening 3.30pm to 7.30pm (by appointment) |
| Thursday 24 April | ANZAC Day Assembly  
Yrs 10,11,12: 8.50-9.30am;  
Yr 8,9: 9.35-10.15am  
Prefect Meeting 1.10pm  
Yr 11 QHTA Student Seminar at Uni of Qld  
Drama Camp Yr 10, 11, 12 (to 26 April)  
Winter Interschool Sport Trials Per 4 |
| Friday 25 April | ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Monday 28 April | Yr 12 Dance Practice 1.10pm (hall) |
To celebrate this year’s Mansfield Literary Festival we are inviting budding wordsmiths from Year 8 to 12 to enter original poems and short stories and get the chance to have your work included in our first Literary Anthology.

For more details and registration, see Ms Distor (A30) or Ms O’Sullivan (G02) at Morning Tea or Lunch.

You may also inquire about the competition and word limits with the following teachers/year coordinators:

Year 8—Mr Connell
Year 11—Ms Solah

Year 9—Mr Hanlon
Year 12—Mrs Bladin

Entries must be submitted to Ms Distor (edist2@eq.edu.au) by
28 April 2014, 3pm

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WINTER SPORTS TRIALS
Term 2; Week 1
Thursday 24 April

BOYS
Rugby League: 8,9,10,Open
Soccer: 8,9,10,Open
Basketball: 10 & Open
AFL: 8/9 and Open

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Netball: 8,9,10, Open
Soccer: Junior/Senior
Basketball: 10 & Open
Volleyball: 8,9,10,Open
BOTH Male & Female
Tennis: Junior/Senior
Badminton: Junior/Senior

2014 Mansfield High
CROSS COUNTRY
CARNIVAL
Thursday 3 April
Period 3 and 4 only
11.50am – Leave class
11.55am – change to sports
12.00pm – Warm Up
12.25pm – 16/17 Boys (6 km)
12.50pm – 16/17 Girls (4 km)
1.10pm – 15yrs B/G (4 km)
1.20pm – 14yrs B/G (4 km)
1.40pm – 13yrs B/G (3 km)
2.20pm – Presentation and School Team announcement

All Schools Touch Squads
October 8-12
This annual competition just gets bigger and bigger every year!
Trials to represent Mansfield commence during Term 2
Teams:
Year 8 Mixed
Junior Boys
Junior Girls
Open Mixed (2)

STATE SWIMMING
Our fabulous swimmers capped a marvellous season with Met East selection! Their results at States (27-29 March) were:
- Jake Ross 6th (50 Fly Final)
- Delaney Ronan 2nd (200 Free; 400 Free; 200 Fly)
- Kieren Player 3rd (400 Free)
- Ryan Magee 1st (200 Breast; 3rd (100 Breast); 8th (50 Breast)
- Stella Karanasios (200 Free).

Player Profile
Ryan Magee
Year 9
Famous for: National Swimming.
Born: 2000
Starsign: Gemini
Fav Movie: Now You See Me
Fav Food: Nachos
Fav Team: Nth Qld Cowboys NRL
Hobbies: Sport and gaming
Best Holiday: New Zealand Snow Boarding
Future Job: Options open
If you could invite someone famous to dinner, who would it be?
Christian Sprenger and Mitch Larkin
**Coming Up**

1. Thursday 3 April
   - **Cross Country Carnival**
2. Monday 26 May
   - **MSG Movie Night @ Carindale**
3. Wednesday 30 April (Term 2)
   - **Summer Sports FINALS**
4. Thursday 24 April (Week 1)
   - **Winter Sports Trials**
5. Friday 22 August (Term 3)
   - **MSG Trivia Night**

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**MSG Movie Night**

Term 2; Week 6 – Monday 26 May

$16 per ticket

X-Men: Days of Future Past

6pm start

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Birch Carroll & Coyle

Carindale Shopping Centre

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**Internet Payment for MSG Movie Night:**

Account Name: Mansfield SHS General A/C  
BSB: 064 118  
Account Number: 0009 0257  
Reference: “Student SURNAME”; year level; MSG Movie

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**LaCrosse – The fastest sport on 2-feet!**

Saturday mornings: 8am – 10am

Eagles Sports Complex; Weedon Street, Mansfield

...our Year 8 and 9 HPE students play modified versions in Term 2.