7 May 2014

From the Principal

Welcome to this edition of the school newsletter! While the school resembles more a building site than a school, I would like to thank parents, staff and students for their patience while construction and facilities works take place. With the construction of an additional building on Ham Road, the removal of the elevated walkway and other works taking place, while long overdue, there have been difficulties with parking, drop-offs and pickups, access to Administration and other implications. I can only apologise for this and remain grateful for the patience of staff, students and the community.

May is a wonderful month in the school with Music in May concerts, music camps and various other activities which all members of this wonderful community are welcome to attend. May is also the month in which our Year 12 students attend their School Senior Formal. This is one of a number of events throughout the year that mark Year 12 as a rite of passage for them as young adults. I am sure it will be an enjoyable evening when our Senior students can celebrate as a group. I wish them a fun and safe celebration.

Keep shining!

Retirement of Mrs Kokot

After many years at Mansfield High School, our Head of Languages, Mrs Sonja Kokot has decided to retire. She would like to invite present and past staff and parents, and past students, to a relaxed and lovely retirement dinner:

- at a local French restaurant
- on Friday 20 June (to be seated by 6.30pm)
- for a three course dinner costing $50 ($5 of this goes towards a gift). Drinks cost extra.

If you would like more information, please email info@mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au. RSVP is 9/5/14.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools with be collecting data from 2015. Mansfield High School will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not forward onto another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- Number of students in the school who were provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- Level of adjustment we provide for those students; and
- Broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please contact Shelley Moye, Head of Department Teaching and Learning.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data please contact the school directly.

Mr James Sloman, Principal
Deputy Principals’ News

Year 12 Senior Formal

After much anticipation the Senior Formal will take place on Friday 9 May at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Students need to arrive at the venue on the corner of Merivale and Glenelg Streets in South Brisbane between 6.15pm and 6.45pm. They must be seated inside by 7pm. Students have been reminded that Friday night traffic is often dreadful. Parents are invited to come to see the students in all their finery. Some parents farewell the students from home. Others take the opportunity to dress up too, have some photos taken, come to the Convention Centre stairs and watch the arrival of students, before going out to dinner themselves and collecting students between 11.30pm and 11.45pm. Enjoy the evening! We hope to include picture treats in the Newsletter after the Senior formal.

Ms Barbara Clarke, Deputy Principal

Year 9 NAPLAN Tests

NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy) tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May. Parents are asked to ensure that students bring the appropriate equipment (to be advised at a later date) and to be well rested.

For more information, please view: http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014_Information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf

Ms Caitlin Anghel, Deputy Principal

Facilities News

Facilities Update

To help upgrade the appearance of the school, we are undertaking long overdue works to remove the deteriorating walkways beside A block and Administration. This will mean that right through the whole of this term, the entrance to Administration on Broadwater Road will be out of action and the entrance to the school administration will be through the Ham Road car park and then through the common room beside S block. Entry may also be made at A block near the tuckshop and across the parade ground in front of the Lower Office.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but please be assured that the result will be a great improvement to the entry and appearance of the administration block with a larger car park and wheelchair access to administration from Broadwater Road.

Please note that the best access to Administration Lower and Upper Offices will be from Ham Road entering via the Hall car park, until the refurbished entry and car park to the Administration are 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. Thank you also to the parents who have contacted the office regarding payment arrangements. 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.

Mrs Sandy Ebert, Business Services Manager

Faculty News

The Arts

Drama

There has been a great deal happening in the Drama Department in the last few weeks. During last term, the Year 12 Drama students reviewed a production called “Epic” which is an adaption of Bertolt Brecht’s The Caucasian Chalk Circle. It was presented by Grin and Tonic, which is a highly innovative theatre company. A number of our students got to be part of the production and they did excellent performances. Ellen Axford, Molly Doherty, Kate Holley, Micah Mougenout, Patrick Sweeney and Sarah York performance spectacularly with only 15 minutes preparation.

On the last day of Term 1, the Year 11 and Year 12 students attended an amazing production of “Macbeth” by Grin and Tonic Theatre Company at Queensland Performing Arts Centre. From the opening scene, the students were completely captivated as the theatre became completely dark and thunder and lightning struck as the three weird sisters made their
entrance. The witches were a total highlight of the production, performing a variety of physical theatre movements. Both Macbeth and Lady Macbeth were exceptionally well suited to their roles. The Year 11 students are currently reviewing this for their assessment. This was a wonderful interpretation of the classic tragedy.

**Drama Camp**

As we embarked on the journey to Drama Camp, little did we know the fabulous work that our students would create from Thursday 24 April until Saturday 26 April. We chose to focus on the four dramatic styles of realism, verbatim, physical and cinematic theatre, with a performance as the culmination product. We also decided on a theme “The Elements” for the performance.

Initially the students studied each style and then had an intensive six hour workshop on the Friday with Zen Zen Zo, the physical theatre experts. This was an absolute highlight for the students, even though most of them had very sore muscles. Another highlight was the Theatre Sports session. Non-Drama activities included beach walks and yoga. Another real benefit was the strong friendships which have been forged by the Year 10 to 12 Drama students. The workshops that were studied on camp will complement the students’ Drama work. The performances that the students created will feature in a Drama night later this term.

**Ms Sue Pritchard, HOD The Arts**

**English**

It is a very busy year for the English Department. In September, 29 students and 3 teachers will be participating in our *Literary Tour of England*. There has been much excitement as we plan our travels in the footsteps of great writers.

Our inaugural *Mansfield Literary Festival* takes place the week beginning 26 May. Students have been submitting short stories and poetry for this festival and will also have the opportunity to participate in the Booklet Cover Design Competition, Book Trailer Competition, Costume Competition and Year 8 Interclass Reading Competition. Thanks to Ms O’Sullivan for organising the Festival and to Ms Crowther, Ms Distor, Ms McKirdy and Ms Watts for their involvement in the running of this event.

The *ICAS Writing Competition* is an opportunity for students to test their skills at either persuasive or narrative writing. If you would like your child to participate, they may collect a permission form from Mrs Bladin in G Block. The cost of this competition is $18.70 (payment details are on the permission form). Forms are due back by 12 May and the competition date is Monday 16 June (Period 2).

Our RAMP (Reading at Mansfield Program – Corrective Reading) is going from strength-to-strength thanks to the very hard work of Ms McKirdy, Ms O’Sullivan and Teacher Aides, Ms Gracey and Ms Ketchion. Identified students are ‘catching up’ to their correct reading age through participating in this very worthwhile program.

**Mrs Carissa Bladin, HOD English**

**Languages**

**Harmony Day 2014**

On 21 March, Mansfield celebrated Harmony Day. Year 11 student Zac Look organised some cultural activities for the students, including making Guatemalan worry dolls and Japanese origami cranes. The cranes are significant for Harmony Day because they symbolise peace for the people of Japan, especially in the town of Hiroshima. There was also a ‘World Cup’ Futsal match played during the lunch time. This was won by the students (in the interests of maintaining harmony in the school). Thank you to all who participated, especially Zac Look. Our wonderful school is made even better by all the great students who give of their time.

**Mrs Sonja Kokot, HOD Languages**

**Music News**

The next few weeks are looking quite busy for students involved in Music. Here are a few of the highlights…

**Music Camp 2**

(9 - 11 May) - Best wishes to all of the students and teachers heading to Alexandra Headlands this weekend for Music Camp 2. If you would like to see the results of all of their hard work, be sure to attend the *Music in May* concerts.

**Music in May - Concert 1**

(Thursday 22 May) featuring Orchestra, Sinfonia, String Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, Chamber Winds, Percussion 1, Chorale, Cantabile, Cantrice.

**Music in May 2 – Concert 2**

(Friday 23 May) featuring Concert Band, Camerata, Celtic Strings. Museaus, Wind Ensemble, Woodwind Choir, Percussion 2, Canticle, Cantus, Male Chorus.

The Concerts begin at 6.30pm and entry is by gold coin donation. All members of our community are invited to come along and celebrate the achievements of our music students.
The instrumental students will have the opportunity to warm up for Thursday night’s concert when they compete in the Mansfield High heat of Education Queensland’s Fanfare Music Festival. There will be 16 Mansfield High ensembles competing on the day. Best wishes everyone!

Auditions for lead roles in this year’s musical, Beauty and the Beast, were held during the last couple of weeks of Term 2 and the standard has been simply stunning. Congratulations to all of the students who auditioned. Rehearsals are now underway with performances are scheduled for 14, 15 and 16 August.

We are pleased to announce the following cast...

Belle – Gabby Diaz (Understudy – Jane Youngs)
Gaston – Tyler Goes (Understudy – Sam Sandroussi)
Beast – Theo Szathmary (Understudy – Anthony Ball)
Lumiere – Ben Barruel (Understudy – Aven Yap)
Cogsworth – Isaac Tucker (Understudy – Sian Gaebler)
Mrs Potts - Jane Youngs (Understudy – Ellen Axford)
Babette - Molly Doherty (Understudy – Adna Capin)
Chip – April Attkin (Understudy – Luke Mears)
LeFou – Sam Sandroussi (Understudy – Peter Truong)
Maurice – Patrick Sweeney (Understudy – Peter Bigdan)
Monsieur d’Argue – Aven Yap (Understudy – Andrew Thomas)
Madame de la Grande Bouche – Arcadia Lynch (Understudy – Courtney Fooks)
Silly Girls – Adna Capin, Ashleigh Say, Rachael McCoy, Jasmine Settle, Ellen Axford, Courtney Fooks

Mrs Marg Overs, HOD Music

Science

Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF)
The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF) is an annual five-day interactive conference designed to showcase the aerospace industry to Year 11 and Year 12 students from across Australia. In 2014, the AYAF will be hosted at The University of Queensland, with day trips to other universities and industry locations. The standard application is $249, which includes all meals and accommodation for the week at Emmanuel College, UQ. The full details of the forum can be found at http://ayaa.com.au/AYAF-Bris/ . Applications for attending the Forum close on Friday 30 May. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the organising committee at ayafbris@ayaa.com.au .

Ms Terri Vander Spoel, HOD Science

Senior Schooling

Queensland Core Skills Test Representatives

Expression of Interest – Administration of Core Skills Test

The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test is administered each year by the Queensland Studies Authority. This test is held at designated test centres. For reasons of public accountability, security of test materials and proper conduct of the test, the Authority appoints to each test centre, members of the community who carry out certain duties on behalf of the Authority as Chief Community Representatives and Community Representatives. Chief Community Representatives and Community Representatives do NOT supervise the administration of the test. The duty of these representatives is to report to the Authority office on the conduct of the test. In 2014 the test will be conducted on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September.

Expressions of Interest are invited from members of the community who are interested in being nominated for the representative positions. Payments are made. Further information and an application package can be obtained from the school’s Upper Office. As the closing date / time for all positions is 3pm on Friday 23 May, interested people need to collect, complete and return an application package to the school office by then.

Year 11 Work Experience

The green work experience placement forms are now overdue; however, we still have a large number which have not been returned. Please ensure your student is actively trying to find a placement for work experience and seeking assistance if they are experiencing difficulties. Once a placement has been confirmed, the green form needs to be completed with business contact details and returned to the student’s SDP teacher.

Ms Peta Wenzel, Acting HOD, Senior Schooling

HPE

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Delaney Ronan (12L) for her great results recently in the Australian Open Commonwealth Games Swimming trials. She achieved four personal bests. Delaney has also been selected in the Queensland swim team. Ryan Magee (9O) has also been selected in the Queensland swim team – a great effort Ryan!

Well done to Xantheia Pennisi (11B) and Jessica Siedlecki (10L) who have been selected in the Queensland diving team to compete in the Australian Diving Championships in July.
Congratulations also to Jasmine Allen (12C) who received a bronze medal in the Australian School and University Karate Championships. Jasmine also came third in the Australian Open Karate Championships, which is open to all countries.

Interschool Sport – Summer
The following teams played off in District Finals last week:

Boys – Cricket Senior and Junior; Squash Senior; Basketball Year 9 and Year 8; Volleyball Year 10; Touch Open, Year 10 and Year 9; Futsal Junior
Girls – Softball Open, Year 9 and Year 8; Basketball Year 9 and Year 8; Squash Senior and Junior; Futsal Senior

Interschool Sport – Winter
Selection Trials for Winter Interschool Sport have occurred and first round fixtures begin on Wednesday 14 May. This week we will have training on Wednesday afternoon. All students must hand in forms and money to the lower office by Tuesday 13 May to participate in Round 1.

Students must also log onto www.selectyoursport.com/man/login.php to enter their sport.

Cross Country
The school cross country was held just before Easter. The District Carnival was held last week. Results for the District will be published in the next Newsletter. School Results:

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Mr Craig Healey, HOD HPE

Guidance News

SkillsTech Australia Open Days
SkillsTech is holding a series of open days for parents and students. The open days will provide an opportunity to check out the training centres, talk with trade teachers and have a go at some practical activities.

- **Bracken Ridge**: Wednesday 28 May 10am -2pm
- **Acacia Ridge**: Wednesday 4 June 10am-2pm
- **Eagle Farm**: Wednesday 18 June 4pm-7pm

For further information contact SkillsTech on 32440341

Griffiths Pathways to Medicine
If you are interested in studying Medicine at Griffith, our information evenings provide a great opportunity to learn about the admissions criteria and selection processes.

- **Brisbane - South Bank campus**: Tuesday 20 May
- **Gold Coast - Gold Coast campus**: Wednesday 21 May

Session 2 - Pathways into Medicine (7pm – 8 pm). This session is designed for high school students and students planning to commence an undergraduate degree.

http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings

Australian Defence Force
The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year will be opening in June 2014. The ADF Gap Year is a competitive process with limited number of places available and applications will only be open for a short time. See website for more information: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear/

Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo
Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo is Queensland’s leading and largest careers, education, training and employment event. The event is free entry to all visitors and this year will be held on the 23-24 May 2014 at the Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre. See website for more information http://ncee.com.au/brisbane/
JMC Academy Workshop

Come along to one of JMC Academy’s introductory workshops in the September school holidays and learn what a career in the creative industries would look like.

The workshops are a great opportunity to check out the JMC Academy campus while getting a taste of what studying your passion with Australia’s leading Creative Industries provider is like.

The workshops are designed for high school students and cost just $15 for the day (inclusive of lunch). Places are strictly limited so make sure you register and pay online now to secure your spot.

Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop REGISTER NOW
Tuesday 1 July, 9.30am-3pm

Animation and Game Design Workshop REGISTER NOW
Wednesday 2 July 9.30am-3pm

Film and Television Production Workshops REGISTER NOW
Thursday 3 July 9.30am-3pm


JMC Academy Open Day

On this day you will take a campus tour, undertake a focused overview on your course of interest, speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the Heads of JMC Academy’s Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film and Television, and Entertainment Business Management Departments. You’ll also be able to view student work, listen to bands, view student films and even see live audio and film production in action. See website to register or call 1300 410 311.

Brisbane Campus

31 May 2014 10.30am or 1.30pm
9 August 2014 10.30am or 1.30pm

All attendees will be sent a confirmation and an Open Day Event Schedule prior to the day.

Mrs Karen Agnew/Ms Kamal Mistry, Guidance Officers

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and the support available to those affected. The key aims of the month are to:

- raise community awareness of domestic and family violence and it’s impacts;
- promote a clear message of no tolerance of domestic and family violence in Queensland communities;
- ensure those who are experiencing domestic and family violence know how to access help and support; and
- encourage people who use abuse and/or violence to take responsibility for their abusive behaviour and seek support to change.

For more information visit:

DV Connect: http://www.dvconnect.org/

Regina Tyson, School Based Youth Health Nurse

World Hand Hygiene Day

World Hand Hygiene Day takes place on Monday 5 May. The day is declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) and encourages good hand hygiene. Hand hygiene is especially important for people who handle food or work in the medical field, but it is also an important practice for the general public. People can become infected with respiratory illnesses such as influenza or the common cold, for example, if they don’t wash their hands before touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. For more information visit the Hand and Hygiene Australia website: http://www.hha.org.au
Community News

Uniform Committee Matters

The Uniform Committee met on 2 April to discuss recently raised matters. Thank you to all members of our community for their feedback. The various stakeholders (students, parents and staff) participated in the discussions. In short, the decisions made were:

- The training shirt proposed will not go ahead because of various concerns.
- Special interschool sport uniforms, to be purchased, managed and laundered by the school, will be designed and implemented. As funding becomes available, the following interschool sports will have team uniforms: Rugby league, netball, soccer, touch, basketball, volleyball, cross country/athletics. Processes are already in place to implement this change.
- The idea of a school logo will not proceed at this stage. The school badge which includes the word STEADFAST will continue to be obvious.
- The girls’ tights will continue to be beige (not skin coloured as this varies). It was decided that they are to be worn with the formal socks over the top.
- Variation in colour within a particular uniform item will unfortunately continue to some degree as a minor colour variation in the clothing industry is acceptable.
- The Uniform Shop Convenor continues to try to find a hat which has a lower fade factor. However, having to replace a faded hat seems a small price to pay for reducing the risk of skin cancer.
- Students who need more warmth in winter may wear additional layers under the school pullover. It was also suggested that a smaller second-hand pullover could be used for this purpose.

If further issues arise during the year, please refer these to the Uniform Shop Convenor (Ph 3452 5357).

If apparently there is an issue regarding faulty zips in some of the skirts from this year. Please return any faulty items to the uniform shop as soon as possible.

The Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 29 May at 7pm in F Block – F4/5. New members are always welcome to attend.

Rauchle Service Club

Easter Eggstravaganza

Isaac Brown and Dilara Ulkutas

Congratulations to Year 9 student Isaac Brown, the winner of our Easter Eggstravaganza. Isaac guessed that there were 134 eggs in the jar, making his guess the closest to the correct number of 133. This event was organised and run by Year 11 student Dilara Ulkutas and a group of Year 8 and 9 students from the Rauchle Service Club. Well done everyone!

Wishart Rotary – Book Sale – Saturday 17 May and Sunday 18 May – Mt Gravatt Show Grounds – 7.30am to 4pm

The Wishart Rotary Club’s $2 book sale is on again! Twice a year, the Rauchle Service Club members give 2 hours to assist the Rotarians with packing up the unsold books on Sunday afternoon. This is a huge job and our assistance is essential to the success of the event. Students, past and present, and parents are invited to lend a hand. If you are available to help with the Sunday afternoon pack up between 2 – 4 pm, please contact Mrs Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au.

Earn and Learn

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Thank you to everyone who collected stickers and supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion in 2013. Once again your efforts have resulted in many new maths and science resources that will no doubt be put to good use supporting the learning of your students.

Come Join the Fun

Are you a girl aged five or above? Would you like to try some fun outdoor activities, like camping, canoeing, abseiling and camp cooking? Or are you interested in some less adventurous activities such as craft, ice skating and community events? Then Mt Gravatt Girl Guides would like to welcome you.

**BROWNIE GUIDES** (aged 5-9 years)  
meet MONDAYS from 5pm to 7pm  
**GIRL GUIDES** (aged 10 and up) meet MONDAYS from 6pm to 8pm

Mt Gravatt Girl Guides is at the Mt Gravatt Guide Huts, inside Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Broadwater Rd entrance. For more information call KILLI on 0458 784 665.

*Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer*
The last day of Term 1 was a delight for our students with 2000 chocolate eggs found around the grounds. Our furry friend also visited the prep students at Mansfield State School who welcomed a big bunny cuddle!

Anzac Day Parade