20 May 2014

From the Principal

Mansfield has an enviable reputation for quality learning and high expectations in behaviour, presentation and performance! This starts with how students see themselves within the Mansfield High School community and finishes with their academic performance. Everything else along the way plays a role in contributing to this. This includes their participation in school life and contribution to the school.

There are many sign posts as to how this is occurring. One of the many is student presentation! If a child feels good about themselves, they have made a significant start to success. Adolescents, as they develop their self-identity, can tend to adopt the symbols or totems of youth culture they feel will enable them to feel as though they fit in. That is why we see emerging trends in fashion, hairstyles, sayings, fads (remember the yoyo?) come and go so quickly in this age group.

As a school and as parents we have a role to play in working with young people to ensure that they feel part of the Mansfield High School community. One of our symbols of this is the uniform! I appreciate the support and effort that parents take to ensure that their child is wearing the uniform and, importantly, are wearing it well.

Keep shining!

TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarship For 2014

Each year a small number of Queensland students in both State and non-State schools is recognised as part of the TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarship program. The honours, which include university study scholarships, recognise academic excellence and outstanding leadership in both the school and the community in the previous Year Twelve cohort.

The program is named after Thomas Joseph Ryan, Queensland Premier from 1915 to 1919, who worked as a teacher, obtained Arts and Law degrees and placed a high value on education and the difference it could make in people’s lives.

2013 School Captain, Sam Cree, was a recipient of one of these highly prestigious Awards.

Congratulations go to Sam from the whole Mansfield High School community on receiving this Award. This is an exceptional achievement.

Leave Passes

Please do not arrive at school and expect your child to be located by office staff, unless there is a genuine emergency. Arrangements to collect a student early from school should be made through the procedures outlined below. Mansfield High is a large school with over 1700 students. There isn’t any quick or simple way to contact a student; there aren’t any phones in classrooms. Please be considerate and ensure your student adheres to the procedure for leave passes. If you need to make your child aware of an appointment, please contact the school at the earliest possible time.

Notes from parents/guardians detailing the reasons for leaving school early are required before a leave pass is issued. Notes requesting leave passes are to be handed in to the lower office before school. Please make arrangements to collect your student from an agreed location.

Mr James Sloman, Principal

Deputy Principals’ News

Year 12 Senior Formal

The evening of the 2014 Senior Formal followed months of preparation. The Prefects had decided on the theme OF Winter Wonderland colours. Invitations had been delivered. Students’ outfits had been ordered; travel and grooming arrangements
had been made; the dancing lessons had occurred; expectations were clear; many discussions had been had. All that remained was the event itself! On 9 May, 301 stunning Mansfield High students braved the Friday night traffic and emerged from various vehicles to grace the Brisbane Convention Centre. They were sooooooooo excited. It was a delight! The event was one of glamour, glitz, class and ongoing excitement. Congratulations to the Seniors of 2014 on a wonderful occasion and may you treasure the many great memories of the evening spent with your friends and colleagues at your Senior Formal. Thank you also to staff who assisted with and at the event. Now it is... BACK TO WORK...

Students have access to many photos taken by the professional photographers, in addition to others on our school’s student common drive. Thanks for the memories! It was a delightful evening!

Ms Barbara Clarke, Deputy Principal

Facilities News

Facilities Update

Please note that the best access to Administration Lower and Upper Offices is 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

Again, thanks to the many parents who have commenced payment of their 2014 subject charges. As previously advised, 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

The Arts

Gallery of Year 10 Acrylic Paintings - The Built World

Please enjoy the amazing works of art by our Year 10 students. http://mansfieldshs.schoolzinenewsletters.com/2014/20140520/year-10-art-gallery

Ms Sue Pritchard, HOD The Arts

HPE

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Tiah McLaren and Shana McGowan both in Year 8 who have been selected to be part of the Queensland Team for rhythmic gymnastics and will compete in the Australian Gymnastics Championships.

South District Cross Country

We had 55 students who ran in the South District Cross Country recently. Overall Mansfield High was placed fourth – a solid effort!

Special mention to Mitchell Bradbrook who was the 15 years Boys Age Champion. It was also a great effort by our 17 years boys who won the age group and 15 years boys who were runners up.
South District Representatives are: Charlie Lee, Lachlan Ashworth, Mitchell Austin, Karla Maxfield, Fraser Barrett, Ethan Pham, Charlize Lindsay, Mitchell Bradbrook, Matthew Phillips, Jake Lee, Jessica Ashworth, Zoe Hall and Tara Elvery.

Winter Interschool Sport
We have 35 teams involved in the South District Winter Fixtures. In Round 2 we play Cavendish Road High School (boys travel) and in Round 3 we play Citipointe Christian College (girls travel).

Summer Interschool Sport
Congratulations to the following teams for winning District Premierships in Summer. They are now involved in the Metropolitan Finals: Girls - Softball Open; Basketball Year 9; Squash Senior; Girls Basketball Year 8, Cricket Junior and Volleyball Year 10.

Fun Run
Our Fun Run is fast approaching. All students are encouraged and expected to participate. It is always a great afternoon!

Mr Craig Healey, HOD HPE

Languages

Alliance Française 2014 Song and Poetry Competition
The 2014 Edition of Alliance Française Song and Poetry competition is online. The students will choose a song or poem corresponding to their level. They can either choose a poem from the Poem Booklet or from the 2014 Special Edition. This edition gathers unpublished works by contemporary poets who have been invited to celebrate art through poetry during Le printemps des poètes 2014. Students will have to learn their song or poem by heart and recite it in front of a panel of two French teachers. This year the prize giving ceremony will be in collaboration with the Queensland Poetry Festival. French teachers will have more information for interested students.

Japanese News
A big welcome home to the students and Mrs Luppi and Mr Minto who thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Japan over the recent holidays. We look forward to a report on their trip in the next newsletter.

Year 8 students of Japanese are taking their language learning to the next stage this term by putting their hiragana (script) into action whilst learning new sentence patterns. We had some more food tasting this week - Senbei (rice crackers) were a big hit!

The Japan Foundation Video Matsuri competition is now open. Students of Japanese can combine their Japanese ability with their creativity to produce a short 3 minute film. See http://video-matsuri.jpf-sydney.net/ or Mrs Nastrom-Smith for further details.

Mrs Sonja Kokot, HOD Languages

Maths News

Maths Tutorials
Maths tutorials have started again. Please read through the list below to identify the times and location for each tutorial. The aim of the tutorials is to solve problems the students have identified from their class and homework.

Yr 8 Tuesday morning S10 and afternoon in F8
Yr 9 Wednesday afternoon in F9
Yr 10 Thursday afternoon in F9
Maths A Wednesday afternoon in F8
Maths B Monday and Friday morning in F8
Maths C Friday morning in F4
11 Maths B Thursday afternoon in F8

Please ask your child to check the noticeboard outside Mr Broome’s office for all details.

Mr Peter Broome, HOD Maths
Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage 2014

CREATIVE GENERATION
State Schools Onstage
Celebrating 10 Years
Come and see our students in action …

Friday July 18 - 7pm
Saturday July 19 - 1pm and 7pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Tickets from Ticketek
(http://premier.ticketek.com.au)
General Seated - $35 - $59
Restricted Viewing - $20 - $30

Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2014 with four arena-style shows staged at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July. Each year, 1500 of the most talented dancers, singers and musicians from Queensland state schools come together to stage one of the state’s largest performing arts events, alongside some of Queensland’s leading professional artists. Mansfield High School has an impressive contingent of talented students involved across all areas of this special event.

Featured and Backing Vocalists

Stand-alone item
Dan Elvery (Alto sax)

Orchestra
Ann Carew, Ben Carew, Joe Chow, Karina Diaz, James Edwards, Lauren Elvery, Dan Elvery, Briony McConnell, Ellie Minto, Bethany Stevens, Andrew Thomas, Amos Tucker, Michelle Wong

James Morrison Big Band
James Edwards, Dan Elvery and Andrew Thomas

Core Choir
Ben Barruel, Cassie Beattie, John Boles, Justin Dong, Rachel Downes, Lachlan Dutt, Courtney Fooks, Lennox Gaffney, Tyler Goes, Tess Holley, Ethan James, Sindu Karamchedu, Este Labuschagne, Richie Lee, Janelle Linato, Briony McConnell, Lauren Mears, , Ellie Minto, Branko Mircic, Emilee Nobbs, Saoirse O’Connor, Epi Perera, Dillon Ryan, Dat Ryan, Terry Wu, Chris Yates

Massed Strings

Drum Line
Joe Chow, Elysia Downes, Ricky Ong

Featured Dance Groups
Emmy Gosgrove, Milena Lydzbinski,

Massed Dance Group
Narissa Amies, Shantelle Allen

Film Crew
Alice Guo, Jasmine Settle, Andrew Thomas, Grace Wyer

Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra
Ms Robson.
Save The Date…

EQ Fanfare Music Festival Heat (Thursday 22 May)
All day in the Hall.

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.

South African Sensation!

On Thursday 1 May, the students and staff of Mansfield High School were treated to a concert by the internationally renowned Roedean Girls Choir from Johannesburg in South Africa. Their performance was full of joy, enthusiasm and energy and it earned them a standing ovation from the hundreds of staff and students present for the lunch time event. Our visitors were overwhelmed by the response they received from the audience. Organisers said, “We felt like rock stars when we left!“ Brisbane was the final stop for the choir after also visiting Singapore, Melbourne and Sydney.

Gold in Italy

L to R (back row) – Libby Lynch, Dan Elvery, Kate Holley, Arcadia Lynch, Ellie Minto, Lennox Gaffney
L to R (front row) – Tess Holley, Lauren Elvery, Tara Elvery, Mia Gaffney.

Congratulations to ten Mansfield High students who have recently returned from a very successful three week tour of Northern Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Prague with children’s choir, Brisbane Birralee Voices. The primary reason for the tour was to compete in the Concorso Corale Internazionale, a choral festival and competition held in Riva del Garda, Italy. The choir was awarded two gold medals in the Children’s Choir section and the Open Sacred section. They were also the category winners in the Children’s Choir section. The students were fine ambassadors for Australia, winning audiences over with their generous spirits and exemplary behaviour. The tour provided the participants with so many wonderful educational experiences and a life time of memories! Congratulations to all involved.

Mrs Marg Overs, HOD Music

Senior Schooling

Year 11 Work Experience

The green work experience placement forms are now overdue and we still have a large number which has 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 students SDP teacher. Failure to return the work experience placement form will result in non-approval for study leave.

Ms Peta Wenzel, Acting HOD, Senior Schooling
SOSE News

Year 10 Geography Excursion

On Thursday 1 May, the Year 10 Geography students attended an excursion to the Gold Coast. The first part of the day was spent on Kirra Beach listening to a guest speaker from the Griffith Centre for Coastal Management, talking about coastal processes and environmental issues. At Kirra, the students also took part in collecting primary data for their field report. After lunch, the class investigated the Tweed River Entrance Bypassing System and its social, environmental and economic concerns. It was a pleasure taking the students as their level of interest and behaviour were exemplary.

Mr Lachlan Hackett, Acting HOD, SOSE

Community News

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.

Happy P&C Day!

Some of the hardest working volunteers in our school are the parents and community members involved in our P&C Association. This Friday 23 May is P&C Day and we would like to publicly acknowledge the amazing contribution that our Parents and Citizens’ Association makes to our school. The members of the P&C are currently hard at work helping to prepare the school for the introduction of Year 7 students in 2015. Your support and tireless efforts are greatly appreciated.

National Volunteer Week – 12-18 May 2014

“Celebrate the power of volunteering” is the theme of the 25th anniversary year of National Volunteer Week. Volunteers have a power in today’s society and a drive that enables them to make a true difference in the world – can you imagine what it would be like without them? More than 6 million Australians volunteer, including 1.2 million Queenslanders. It is these volunteers who help build vibrant, healthy communities across our country. Mansfield High School would like to recognise the amazing work done by volunteers in our school community on a daily basis. Canteen volunteers, sports coaches, music support group helpers, P&C members and V@M students – thank you for making our school a better place!

Chaplaincy News

Our new Chappy, Glen Petersen, has now been with us full-time for four weeks. He has certainly hit the ground running and is on a mission to learn the names of as many students as possible. If you would like to contact Glen at any time, please email him at glenp@chappy.org.au or call 3452 5333.

Rebecca and Glen serving up hot milo before NAPLAN testing.

Parents’ Prayer Group

Glen would love to hear from any parents who were involved in the Parents’ Prayer Group last year or any parents who are interested in becoming involved this year. Please email him at glenp@chappy.org.au

World Vision Global Leadership Convention

On Wednesday 14 May, seven Year 11 students and Chappy Glen attended World Vision’s precursor event to the 40Hr Famine. We were all challenged when we heard the poverty statistics from Rwanda, a country which is this year commemorating 20 years since their devastating genocide when 800,000 people lost their lives. We heard from World Vision Youth Ambassadors and an inspirational Rwandan national, who himself was ten when the genocide wiped out his family. Our students were encouraged to pursue the road to change by using their individual gifts and by harnessing good leadership principles.

Date claimer - 40Hr Famine

Give up to bring hunger down. 15-17 August 2014. www.40hourfamine.com.au
Watoto Children’s Choir

What a special treat to have this amazing group perform just up the road. The Watoto Children’s Choirs have travelled internationally since 1994 as advocates for the estimated 47.5 million children in Africa, orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS, war, poverty and human trafficking. Each of the children in the choir has suffered the loss of one or both of their parents. As part of a bigger Watoto family in Africa, they now live in Watoto village homes, and are provided with all that they need to grow up healthy and whole. FREE CONCERT: 6:30pm Wednesday 21 May, Mansfield Christian Reformed Church, cnr Ham and Wishart Roads

Date Claimer - SU Qld Outbreak Extreme Camp

September school holidays. Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October 2014

Chappy Glen will be one of the leaders on this camp. Download the application or check out www.sucamps.org.au/outbreakextreme

Mansfield Students Volunteer to Help the Salvos

The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvation Army’s primary annual fundraising drive. The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock takes place on the weekend of 24 and 25 May, and each year a number of Mansfield High School students volunteer two hours of their time on either Saturday or Sunday to help. The funds raised through this appeal will be used to assist over 1 million Australians over the next 12 months. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer please contact Mrs Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au or 3452 5337.

Mt Gravatt Challenge

The Mt Gravatt Challenge is on again. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Mt Gravatt, the Challenge will be held on 25 May 2014 giving members of the community the opportunity to pit themselves against the mountain while supporting charity. The walking/jogging/running course starts at the base of Mt Gravatt Mountain on Shire Road and rises 132 metres over a distance of 1.5 kilometres. You can register as an individual or a team. Dogs are most welcome.

For more information or online registration, please visit www.mountgravatchallenge.com.au

Temporary Shared Path Closure

The section of the Bulimba Creek Bikeway from Stackpole Street to Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road will be closed from May 2014 to April 2015, weather and construction conditions permitting. This closure is required to safely complete construction of the new bridge for westbound Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road traffic.

During this closure, there will be no pedestrian or cycle access beneath Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road. An alternative route is shown in the attached map. These works are part of the Gateway Upgrade South Stage 2 (Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road) project. Improved pedestrian and cyclist provision including along the northern side of Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road will be provided as part of the project. Please contact a project team member on 1800 799 686 if you wish to discuss these activities in further detail.

Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer

Canteen Roster

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday 20 May
Newsletter on website/hard copy
ICAS Computer Competition (Yrs 8 – 10 by choice)

Wednesday 21 May
Metro Summer Finals Round 3
SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 2
QDU Round 3 – Yr 8

Thursday 22 May
Prefect Meeting 1.10pm
Education Queensland Fanfare Music Festival heat
Music in May Concert No.1 6.30pm

Friday 22 May
Music in May Concert No.2 6.30pm

Monday 26 May
HPE WEEK
Mansfield Literacy Festival this week
Rauchle Service Club Meeting (AGM) 1.10pm
MSG Movie Night 6pm Carindale

Tuesday 27 May
HPE WEEK
Mansfield Literacy Festival
Environmental Council Meeting (AGM) 1.10pm

Wednesday 28 May
HPE Week
Mansfield Literacy Festival
SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 3
QDU Debating Round 4 – Yr 9 and Yr 11
Yr 8 History Competition (in class time)

Thursday 29 May
HPE WEEK
Mansfield Literacy Festival
FUN RUN Period 3B/lunch to 3pm
P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 30 May
HPE WEEK
Mansfield Literacy Festival
Yr 12 Music Extension Recital 6.30pm