From the Principal

With report cards issued and parent teacher interviews looming, it is timely to reflect on student academic progress. Every one of us in this school community can improve our performance. I include myself in this and I always believe that through the pursuit of regular feedback and self-reflection we can all arrive at areas for improvement, set goals to achieve this improvement and then once they are achieved, allow ourselves permission to celebrate these. To this end, each student is requested to establish goals for this semester and this should be documented, preferably in the Student Handbook on pages 74 and 75.

To all of our students who performed in the recent Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage, congratulations! Your performances were absolutely outstanding! Thank you also to staff and parents who have supported students in this extremely valuable learning experience.

Keep shining!

Mr James Sloman, Principal

Deputy Principals’ News

End of Semester One Reports and Parent/Teacher/Student Evening and QTAC Evening for Year 12s and their parents

Reports were issued to students on Thursday 17 July.

Students are required to have their parent sign the accompanying form and return it to the BOX outside the Lower Office the next day. Reports need to be filed safely at home.

Information about the booking system for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews was also distributed. Bookings are via the internet as they were for mid-semester one.

On Wednesday 23 July the following will occur:

- a Parent/Teacher/Student Evening for all year levels from 3.30pm to 7pm by appointment

AND

• a Year 12 QTAC Evening from 7pm to 8.30pm for Year 12s and their parents. Therefore Year 12 interviews will need to be before 6.50pm.

Mrs Caitlin Anghel, Deputy Principal

Calendar of Events

A Mansfield High School calendar of events is provided to all students at the beginning of each semester. This allows students and their families to plan their activities. Exams and other assessment as well as school activities feature in this planner. Hopefully it is available by the end of this week.

Students are to highlight relevant assessment in one colour and relevant activities in another colour. The planner is then to be glued into Page 24 (black and white pages) of the Student Handbook.

Students are to be present for all assessment, unless they are too sick to attend or there are other very serious extenuating circumstances. (More detail about this is in the Student Handbook Pages 12-14.) Other activities need to be arranged around school commitments. Alternative assessment arrangements will only be made in extreme situations. Our students are full-time students. If they are not present for assessment, they will not get credit for the item.

ABC Radio Interviewees

Our school was invited to send some students to the ABC Radio studios at South Bank to be interviewed by Rebecca Levington, an evening radio presenter, about the Life of a Year 9 student. On Wednesday 25 June, five of our Year Nine students (Amos Tucker, Stevie Hunter, Zoe Thompson, Amina Ahmed and Jasmine Cheruvankalayil) were interviewed and performed exceptionally. They were wonderful ambassadors for Mansfield High School…and for young people generally.
**Faculty News**

**English**

**Second Place for Readers' Cup 2014 Team**

On Tuesday 17 June, five Year 8 Mansfield State High School students competed against eleven other schools in the District in the annual Readers’ Cup. The students worked for more than a term to be ready for this competition. They had to read five notable books and then remember every single detail that was in each book – a very difficult task.

These students came from behind to be placed second and were presented with medals by the guest author, Jesse Blackadder. Her book *Stay: The last Dog in Antarctica* was one of the books studied.

Congratulations to all girls: Maggie Wang (Captain), Erika Balanay, Felicia Hill, Minly Liang and Caitlin Bowie.

**Mrs Carissa Bladin, HOD English**

**Languages**

**Welcome**

Welcome to Ms Agnes Patte who is performing the role of Acting Head of Department (Languages).

**University in Japan**

For any of our Senior Japanese students who may be looking at studying in Japan in the future, the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University is holding an information session at Brisbane Square Library on Thursday 31 July from 7:30pm.

With over 100 years of tradition and history, the Ritsumeikan Academy opened APU in April 2000 as Japan’s first genuine international university. With scholarships ranging from 30% - 100% tuition waivers and courses including international

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**Ms Agnes Patte, Acting HOD Languages**

**Music**

**Music News**

**Creative Generation**

We could write an article and try to capture what an amazing experience Creative Generation 2014 was for our students but nothing sums it up better than the email that Mrs Overs sent to all staff last week following the first full day of rehearsals:

“Mansfield High students are inspirational, gifted, responsible, enthusiastic stars. Today I had tears in my eyes as I watched Gabby Diaz sing with beauty, presence and professionalism beyond her years. She has many solos in the Creative Generation production but she is especially featured as Maria in the ‘Sound of Music’ bracket. She sings opposite David Kidd (a professional playing Captain Von Trapp) and holds her own. Then up steps Ellen Axford again singing with David Kidd with an

exceptional rendition of ‘The Prayer’. I witnessed our Film kids zipping around like pros filming rehearsals for their documentary. Saw our dancers hitting every move hard. Saw our drummers out of their comfort zone doing American type drum line moves (stepping on the right foot is still a challenge) and capped the day off by seeing 100 string players with parts memorised, doing moves and playing Bond’s Explosive. Also witnessed the core choir kids in a circle playing clapping games while waiting to go onto stage. Just gorgeous??? Tomorrow’s rehearsal highlight is sure to be Dan Elvery in a solo challenge with James Morrison!!!! (Note: Dan was fantastic!!)

Today I was reminded again why the hours are worth it and why I became a teacher. Thanks for your continued support of these opportunities. I was just bursting with pride today and had to share.”

Special thanks to Ms Robson, Ms Stuart-Street, Mr Bonetti, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Dutt, Mr Lower, Mr Minto, Ms O’Reilly and, of course, the tireless Mrs Overs for making this opportunity happen for our students.

By the way, this whole performance will be televised on Channel 10 on Saturday 6 December at 2pm. If you missed the live performances, you will get some idea as to how amazing our students are, but it would not come close to being in the audience. Give it a try anyway!
**Beauty and the Beast**

*Beauty and the Beast* follows the adventures of Belle, a bright young woman who finds herself imprisoned in a castle with the mysterious Beast, who is really a prince trapped in a spell. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his enchanted household staff will be doomed for eternity.

With only a few weeks left until opening night, the staff and students involved in *Beauty and the Beast* are very busy preparing for the public performances to be held on 14, 15 and 16 August. Tickets will be available for purchase through the MSHS website and will go on sale to the general public on Monday 28 July. Ticket prices – Adults $20, Concessions $15

**New Zealand Musicians to Visit Mansfield High**

This Friday night we are privileged to host the music students from Cashmere High School in Christchurch, New Zealand. 63 students and 7 teachers are on tour in Australia from 13 – 27 July, visiting Sydney and Brisbane. This is the second time that the students from Cashmere have visited Mansfield High School. On Friday evening the students will join the members of Symphonic Winds and Camerata for a 7pm concert in our Hall. Cashmere High School is touring with an orchestra, a concert band, a stage band and a choir, all of which will feature in the Friday night program. It is also a wonderful opportunity to hear Camerata play their full program before the Fanfare finals in August. Please join us for a wonderful evening of music.

*Mrs Marg Overs, HOD Music*

**Science**

**University of Queensland Engineering & Technology Careers Evening**

All high school students, parents, teachers and guidance officers are invited to attend the University of Queensland’s Engineering and Technology Careers Evening on Wednesday 23 July to hear from recent Engineering and ICT graduates and learn about their experiences in the industry so far. The event will also include the opportunity to talk to academic staff and current students about the programs available and discover why UQ provides students with the best foundation for a career in Engineering and ICT. For the program of speakers and to register, please visit [http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/careers-evening](http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/careers-evening)

*Ms Terri Vander Spoel, HOD Science*

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**Senior Schooling**

**Mansfield Champions**

Last week Nelson Hsieh (Year 12 2011) spoke to all Year 11 and 12 students as part of the Mansfield Champions series within the Student Development Program. Nelson is a past Mansfield High student and his address to the students was about choosing the right career pathway and doing what you love. Since leaving school, Nelson has enrolled in a Bachelor of Education course at the University of Queensland and is studying an extra year to complete an additional degree in Science. He is currently conducting the SMAAT tutoring program which is open to all current Mansfield High students needing extra tuition. In addition, he gives his time willingly to run holiday programs for students through his church. Nelson asked the students to think about what they were passionate about doing and why they liked to do these things. He encouraged each individual to let their passions drive what they do and shape the person they want to be. Thank you to Nelson for giving his time to inspire our students to greater things. If you would like to know more about SMAAT Tutoring, please e-mail SMAAT@outlook.com.

**Construction White Card Course**

On Thursday 31 July, the school is offering students in Years 10, 11 and 12 the opportunity to complete a Construction White Card course. This Construction White Card is a safety requirement for any persons wishing to gain entry on construction sites or engaging in industrial workplaces e.g. kitchens, building sites.

Train Up, which is a Nationally Recognised Training Organisation (NRTO), is offering high school students the opportunity to complete this course at a reduced rate of $45. The regular price per person is usually $80. As we have a number of students completing courses of study in Construction and as we continually extend Work Experience possibilities for our students, we felt that this could be a worthwhile opportunity for students at Mansfield State High School during school time.

If your son / daughter is interested, please ask them to sign up on the sheet outside of the Senior Schooling office in the Upper Office.

*Ms Peta Wenzel, Acting HOD Senior Schooling*
Year 12 QTAC Evening

All Year 12 students were issued with a QTAC book late last term. These books were individually named and included the students LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) number. This number will be needed to apply to QTAC.

A QTAC information evening is being held this Wednesday 23 July from 7pm to 8.30 pm in the hall. This evening aims to inform students and parents about how to apply to University, how to organise preferences, scholarships and a range of other issues related to tertiary study.

Year 12 students and parents are welcome to meet with a Guidance Officer to discuss preferences in more detail.

Listed below are dates and times for University Open Days. Students and parents are encouraged to attend as the experience of visiting a campus and hearing first hand from academic staff may assist in the decision making process.

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Mrs Karen Agnew / Ms Kamal Mistry, Guidance Officers

What is Stress Down Day?

Stress Down Day is a fun and easy initiative to reduce stress and raise awareness for Lifeline. Stress Down Day is an annual event. This day is dedicated to reducing the burden of stress on our community, and will encourage people in schools and workplaces to have fun with their fellows, friends or family to reduce stress levels and raise funds for Lifeline. The money will go towards helping run Lifeline’s 24 hour telephone support service, a service that is literally life saving for thousands of Australians every year.

Did you know that 98% of Australians agree that laughter has a large impact in reducing stress! That’s why this year’s theme focuses on laughter! We are encouraging you to laugh more and to stress less, and help raise funds for Lifeline.

Did you also know that 91% of Australians have reported being stressed at work in 2014! So why not be one of Lifeline’s Stress Down Ambassadors and organise your own stress down activities at work, at your school or with your friends!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xa9E3Br7oRo

For more information visit the Lifeline website: https://www.lifeline.org.au/Home

Regina Tyson - School Based Youth Health Nurse

Visit to Parliament House

On Tuesday 17 June, School Captains Kate Holley and Liam Hardie and Vice-Captain Nimnaka Weeraseena, along with their parents, and Mr Sloman, our Principal, and Mrs Scarpato, P & C President, attended a Leadership Evening hosted by Member for Mansfield, Ian Walker, at Parliament House. The evening began with a tour of the House and was followed by refreshments in the Parliamentary Annex. The Speaker of the Queensland Parliament the Hon Fiona Simpson MP spoke to the students and shared her leadership experiences and talked about her work as Queensland’s first female speaker.
The Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 24 July at 7pm in F Block – F4/5. New members are always welcome to attend.

Student Council

Zumba

On Thursday 26 June the Prefects arranged a Zumba session in the Hall with a dollar coin entry going to the Student Council to be used on improvements to school facilities to benefit the Mansfield High Community. Ashleigh Mansfield (Mansfield School Captain 2010) led the students and teachers in an energetic and enjoyable lunch time session of dance and exercise. Please enjoy our Zumba Gallery.

Rauchle Service Club

Guide Dogs Awareness Week at Mansfield High

Next week is Guide Dogs Awareness week at Mansfield High School. It is a special week dedicated to educating students and raising money to support our brood dog, Whim. The students of Mansfield High School, through the Rauchle Service Club, have been supporting Guide Dogs Queensland since the beginning of 2008. Last year we donated $2500, and since 2008 we have donated a total of $11,644.20.

We have been sponsoring Whim, a brood dog, since 2010. In this time, Whim has had 3 litters of puppies. Her first litter, the L litter, was born on 5 October 2011 and included 6 puppies, 3 males (including Lockie and Lambert) and 3 females (including Lilly and Lara). Lockie and Lambert are now guide dogs and in September last year, Lambert became the father of the D litter comprising of 6 females and 1 male. Whim’s 2 puppies from this litter have gone interstate to other training programs. Since then she has given birth to 4 puppies in the F litter. Her most recent litter of 2 puppies was delivered on the 30 December 2012 and was named the O litter. She had 2 chubby yellow guide dogs, 1 male (Ollie) and 1 female (Ocean). Two of her puppies have been accepted into the breeding program as brood dogs because of their beautiful qualities. A couple of her puppies have been adopted by families as they were unsuitable to become guide dogs and the others are in training.

Next Wednesday 30 July, we will begin selling raffle tickets in a plush toy Labrador, named Toby.

Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2 and all proceeds will go to support Guide Dogs Queensland. Every ticket sold will help to make a difference to Guide Dogs Queensland and to the people who receive the life changing help from a guide dog each year. Guide Dogs Queensland appreciates all donations, as without public support, the task of providing these life-changing services for free becomes increasingly difficult. If you would like to support the training of a guide dog please visit http://www.guidedogsqld.com.au/product/donation/ Students with small change are invited to feed Plastic, the guide dog who lives at the Canteen.

Farewell for Pam Singleton

Mansfield State Primary School Principal, Pam Singleton is retiring after seven years; the primary school P&C is hosting a farewell dinner for Pam on Monday 28 July at the Southern Cross Sports Club, 7pm start. The cost of the dinner is $30 per person. If you would like to attend please contact Salli Molland on pandc@mansfield.eq.edu.au to organise attendance and payment. RSVP Wednesday 23 July.

Thank you for your support! By Hillary Te 11G

“Hungry” Plastic

Miss Wilson and Toby

puppies
**Chaplaincy News**

**40Hr Famine**

Each year, the Mansfield High Community does an amazing job raising much needed funds for World Vision’s work overseas. This year’s country of focus for the 40Hr Famine is Rwanda, a country which is this year commemorating 20 years since their devastating genocide when 800,000 people lost their lives. World Vision uses very wise and sustainable practices to ensure they help locals become self-sustainable, not just give them hand-outs.

Please have a look at either of the video links below and consider for how much you could sponsor a Mansfield student in this year’s 40Hr Famine (see other link). Donations are tax deductible too if that helps.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yytY92bV4uQ
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRDXI78p410

PS: Kids these days get the option of giving up something other than food (eg technology, furniture etc). I’ll be doing the good old fashioned fasting - 2 days no food (Chappy Glen).

**Mansfield High Community Man of the Year**

What characterises a good man? Is it courage in battle or maybe strength to bench press huge kilos? Or do you think it could be having the courage to do what’s right when nobody’s looking and the strength to be loving to those around him?

Fathers’ Day is fast approaching and this year Mansfield High will be running a competition for our students to nominate their Dad or a man who is special to them as Mansfield Man of the Year. Men are such a special part of our community and we want to honour them.

**How to Enter:** Submit a photo of yourself with your Dad or with your favourite male role model and write a paragraph or poem to describe why this man is special to you. The more creative the better (that’s a judging hint!). Entries can be emailed to glenp@chappy.org.au or dropped in printed to Chappy Glen. Entries close by end of school Friday 29 August

**Nominator Prizes:** 1st prize: $60 voucher; 2nd prize: $40 voucher; 3rd prize: $30 voucher (voucher can be for Kingston Park Raceway, AMF Bowling or Cineplex Cinemas).

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**Chappy Day**

Chappy Day is Friday 22 August. This will be a 4-4 day with a longer lunch break for students to enjoy some fun, food and healthy competition! More details will follow in the next newsletter but if you’d be available to help with an activity, please contact Chappy Glen on glenp@chappy.org.au

**Parents’ Prayer Meeting**

Thanks to those who attended last term. This term’s dates are Monday 21 July, Monday 18 August, Monday 1 September and Monday 15 September. We will continue to meet at 2pm in Chappy Glen’s office.

**Outbreak Extreme Camp**

School holidays will be upon us again sooner than we realise. During the second week (Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October), I will be one of the leaders on the SU Qld Outbreak Extreme Camp. SU camps are always well run, fun and provide a great opportunity for students to connect with other teenagers. For more information, you can download the app “Outbreak Extreme” for your smartphone or check out www.sucamps.org.au/outbreakextreme

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**Mrs Sue Holley, Community Liaison Officer**

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**Canteen Roster**

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Mrs Rosalie Buzzoni, Canteen Convenor

Calendar of Events

Tuesday 22 July
- Newsletter available on website/email
- Pre-Carnival athletic events
- Futsal Champions of Champions Tournament
- Environmental Council Meeting 1.10pm
- Music Parent Support Group Meeting 7pm
- Music Studio

Wednesday 23 July
- Yr 8 Religion Per 1
- SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 8
- Parent/Teacher/Student Evening 3.30pm to 7pm by appointment
- Yr 12 QTAC Evening 7pm to 8.30pm in Hall
- QDU Finals Round One

Thursday 24 July
- SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (all students in attendance…may wear full sports uniform to and from school and bring an appropriate shirt in correct house colour)
- Rauchle Service Club – Slushees
- P&C Meeting 7pm in F4/5
- Yr 12 Drama excursion to Kingston Butter Factory 7pm

Friday 25 July
- National Tree Day
- New Zealand School combined concert with some Mansfield Ensembles 7pm

Monday 28 July
- Battle of the Bands at lunchtime

Tuesday 29 July
- ICAS English Competition (Yr 8-12) Per 2
- Battle of the Bands at lunchtime

Wednesday 30 July
- Yr 10 Religion Per 1
- SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 9
- QDU Finals Rounds Two

Thursday 31 July
- Maths Team Challenge 9.30am-2.30pm 30 students
- 30 Students Yr 10, 11 & 12 White Card Course 8.40am-2.30pm
- Student Council Meeting 1.10pm in F Block

Friday 1 August
- Fun Run Excursion to Wet ‘n’ Wild for some 200 students
- Yr 8 receive Subject Selection Booklet

Monday 4 August
- House Captains’ Meeting 1pm

Tuesday 5 August
- South District Athletics – Field Events
- TIP Leaders’ Meeting 1pm

Wednesday 6 August
- Yr 11 Religion Per 1
- SD Winter Finals / MAP Round 10
- QDU Finals Round Three

Thursday 7 August
- South District Athletics – Track Events
- Yr 10 English - Performance in K Block Per 1
- Prefect Meeting 1.10pm in Common Room

Friday 8 August
- Yr 10 receive Subject Selection Booklet