17 July 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Semester Two of the 2012 Academic Year! We trust that all students had an enjoyable and safe break from their studies. It is now time to make the transition back into school work and to raise the intensity of their effort. It is now time to sort out that ‘place’ at home where so much time needs to be spent on studying, completing assignments and doing homework. Is it a quiet place where students can be undisturbed, especially from excessive social networking, so that they can concentrate on the work that needs to be done.

It is also a time to consider the assessment that each student has for each subject! When is this due? What type of assessment is it? What is the teacher asking of them? By what criteria will they be assessed and what does the student have to produce to get an ‘A’. That is, have they seen a sample of what an ‘A’ standard of work may be? This can take the form of an exemplar, similar questions from past exam papers or other models and examples. Each teacher is expected to lead students through the assessment near the beginning of each unit of work. If there are any queries about this, I encourage you to contact the school and ask to speak with the Head of Department for that subject.

I have challenged students to consider what it is that they want to be ‘celebrating’ at the end of the year? They need to set themselves goals towards which they can work between now and the end of the year.

Keep shining!
WELCOME TO MANSFIELD HIGH

A very warm welcome is extended to all new members of the Mansfield High School Community. In particular we would like to welcome our two new Deputy Principals, Mrs Caitlin Anghel (pictured left) and Ms Linda Peterson (pictured right).

With a teaching background in Maths, Science and PE, Mrs Anghel comes to us from Nyanda High School, where she had been the Deputy responsible for junior curriculum as well as a science teacher to the surrounding primary schools. She already feels very comfortable at Mansfield High as it is very similar to Trinity Bay High School in Cairns, where she completed her own secondary education. Mrs Anghel is a strong believer in a well rounded education for all students of all abilities and all strengths. She encourages our students to participate, have a go and make the most of every opportunity offered to them.

After a number of years as a Maths Head of Department, Ms Peterson became the Head of International Studies at Mountain Creek High School, Mooloolaba. For the last two years she has been the Deputy responsible for Pedagogy at the Queensland Academy of Creative Industries, Kelvin Grove. Ms Peterson is passionate about great teaching and effective learning. She believes in enabling students to be the best learners they can be, by understanding how they learn, by setting challenging goals and by working hard to meet them. Ms Peterson has been very impressed with how polite and welcoming the Mansfield students have been since her arrival.

YOUNG STARS KEEP SHINING

Congratulations to all of the Mansfield High students who were recipients of the Southern Star’s Young Star Award in 2011. Ryan Sheldrake (Year 12 in 2011), Olivia Bird, and Caitlin Micallef and were awarded the bi-monthly award in the Arts/Education section. Haylee Anderson received a Community Award while Krystal Hoyer-Smith claimed a Young Star Award for Sport. At the recent Quest Newspaper Young Star Gala Awards dinner held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Ryan Sheldrake was acknowledged as the overall Southern Star Arts/Education winner. Well done everyone!

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT NIGHT

Please keep Wednesday 25 July free from 3.30pm to 7pm for a Parent/Teacher/Student Night for all year levels 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.

The PTO database will be open on Wednesday 18 July at 6pm until 12 noon Tuesday 24 July for parents to make teacher interview bookings. All students were issued instructions on making online bookings during form class today. Parents will again need to use their student's ID number to access the booking process. Previously parents used the 6 digit student ID; however you now need to use the 10 digit + 1 letter student ID. This ID number is found on the bottom of your student's ID card underneath the barcode. Parents who don't have internet access can come to the school upper office and log on using a school laptop between 9am - 3pm on school days until Monday 23 July.

SEMESTER TWO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All students should receive a copy of the Semester Two Calendar of Events early this week. They are to:

✔ Highlight assessment items relevant to them in one colour
✔ Highlight activities relevant to them in another colour
✔ Transfer these dates into their Student Handbooks
✔ Glue the booklet into Student Handbooks on Page 60.

For easy reference by parents, a copy of the Calendar of Events will be placed on our website: www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au.
YEAR 10 INTO 11 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING
An evening will be conducted on Monday 20 August at 7pm for Year 10 students and their parents. Please come along. After a general talk, you will be able to chat with the subject area representatives. This is an important evening in the school calendar.

Please bring both the yellow coloured subject selection booklet (to be received by students on Tuesday 31 July) and the tertiary courses guide (which will have been issued to students prior to this).

A School-based Apprenticeship Information Evening from 6 – 7pm will also be held in the Hall.

YEAR 8 INTO 9 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING
A similar evening will be held on Wednesday 22 August at 7pm for Year 8 students and their parents to discuss subject selection for Year 9, as well as Year 10. Parents and students are urged to attend! Please bring the teal coloured subject selection booklet, which will be issued to students on Wednesday 1 August.

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 of over 1600 students. 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.

LOST PROPERTY
Our lost property boxes continue to OVERFLOW! If your child is missing lost property, please encourage them to check lost property at the Upper Office. The various boxes of lost property will be sorted. Unnamed items such as lunchboxes, water bottles and personal items will be disposed of. Items of clothing/shoes which are not named, but are in good condition, will be given to the Uniform Shop.

It is essential that all items of a student’s property are named clearly. This includes shoes and socks. Sometimes the names wash/fall off. Please check regularly.

IT NEWS
New IT Trainee Technician and IT Technician Centre
Our new IT Trainee Technician has started work. Ray Luht (pictured) started with us on Thursday 12 July. His role will be to assist our technician Alan Pinkowski to maintain, repair and improve our IT infrastructure. This is an enormous job with over 1500 network devices and more than 1700 users. Alan and Ray will be based in our new IT Technician Centre that is being built in the school library. This new office will provide a central location for all reporting of problems and repairs to computer equipment in the school. We expect the new staff member and well laid out service facilities will have a significant impact on the speed of repairs in the school.

MATHS NEWS
Maths Team Challenge
On the last Thursday of Term 2, 26 students from Years 8 to 11 competed in the Logan and Gold Coast District Maths Team Challenge. These students made up 5 teams: two Year 8 teams, two combined Year 9 and 10 teams and a Senior team made of up Year 11s only. Through hard work and a deep mathematical knowledge, our students scooped the pool. Three of the teams won their age divisions easily, with the other teams coming fifth. One of the great things about our win was that the majority of our competition is from private schools from within the District. We would like to congratulate all students who participated on the day and thank them for putting in a brilliant effort. We would also like to thank the maths teachers of these students who have supported their development over several years.
RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Readers’ Cup 2012
Congratulations to our 2012 Readers’ Cup team - Justin Dong, Michaela Brady, Alexandra Radke, Rebecca Le and reserve Prisca Ochan (pictured) who competed in the Children’s Book Council of Australia (Qld Branch) Regional Final on the evening of 19 June at Cavendish Road State High School.

All enjoyed a wonderful evening participating in the competition and listening to guest speaker Kate Hunter, author of the Mosquito Advertising series. The team members performed extremely well and are to be commended for their efforts on the night and for the high quality of their Book Trailer submission, which is currently being screened in the Resource Centre – please come in and have a look.

MUSIC NEWS

Don’t Forget!
Music Newsletter 4 is now available. Don’t forget to collect your copy from outside of the Music staffroom.

Creative Generation
Best of luck to all staff and students involved in Creative Generation: State Schools on Stage. Tickets are still available for the performances this weekend. For more information, please see the advertisement at the end of the newsletter.

With only a few weeks left until opening night, the staff and students involved in THE WIZARD OF OZ are very busy preparing for the public performances to be held on the 16, 17 and 18 August. Tickets will be available for purchase through the our school’s website and will go on sale to the general public on Wednesday 1 August at 9am. Ticket prices – Adults $13, Concessions $10

Do you have a medium sized rocking chair that we could borrow for the musical? Please contact Mrs Overs - 3452 5333.

Other opportunities for young musicians…

Join QYO in 2013!
Queensland Youth Orchestras (QYO) provides outstanding orchestral experiences for musicians aged 8 to 25. In seven tiered orchestras and ensembles, QYO members develop, refine and apply their musical skills in a nurturing environment alongside musicians of a similar age and standard. QYO employs professional and experienced conductors and tutors to direct rehearsals, tutorials, concerts, camps and tours. For more information or an application form, visit http://qyo.org.au/audition-overview/
APPLICATIONS FOR 2013 CLOSE - FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2012!

National Choral School – Sing! Compose! Conduct!
Each year in January, choristers, composers and conductors from across Australia come together for National Choral School, an intensive and inspirational two week season led by the nation’s finest musicians. Participation in Gondwana National Choral School is based on an annual application and audition process and is open to young singers aged 10 - 25 from all areas of Australia. Nationwide auditions are held in late September / early October each year.

For more information or an application form, visit http://www.gondwanachoirs.com.au/gv.htm
National Choral School Promo - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXD5887I3yE
APPLICATIONS FOR 2013 CLOSE - FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 2012!
SPORT NEWS
The Pierre de Coubertin Awards is a major Program of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) Schools’ Education Strategy. The Awards Program is named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin. The Program is designed to emphasise participation and commendable sporting behaviour consistent with the Olympic Movement. It is not primarily intended to reward elite performance alone. This year our recipient is Corneels de Waard. Corneels has represented the school in swimming, cross country, rugby league and athletics, demonstrating initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS
P & C Meeting - Date Claimer – Please note the change in time for the July meeting!
Thursday 26 July at 6pm in the Administration Block Common Room. All are welcome to attend.

News from the Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens’ Associations
The Gonski Review was the most comprehensive review of schools funding in almost 40 years. Its recommendations give us a way to ensure real equality of opportunity for our children in education. The Gonski Review found Australia is investing far too little in education and, in particular, in public schools. As a consequence, too many students are missing out on the resources they need and there are growing gaps in the performance of students from different backgrounds. It recommended an urgent shift to a system that better targets funding to meet the needs of students and a substantial increase in the total amount spent on schools.

You can register your support at igiveagonski.com.au or visit igiveagonski on Facebook.

Reading Group – all welcome!
3.15pm Tuesday 17 July in the Resource Centre
The Reading Group, comprising of parent/guardians, students and staff, meets on the second Tuesday of each term to read, discuss and evaluate new fiction material for our students. We would love to have a few more adults join this group. Anyone wishing to participate should call Sue Holley on 3452 5337 to register your interest.

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB
Athletics Day is hot work! Why not cool off with a snow cone. Large - $2.50 / Small - $1.50
On sale outside of the hall.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL
We will be planting!

YES, WE ARE COLLECTING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Collection Period - Until 14 August
Collection Point – official collection box in K Block outside the K Block Staffroom or the collection box in the lower office.

Collection Period - All year
Collection Point - collection box in the lower office or they can be given to Mrs Holley in F10.

Collection Period - 12 August
Collection Point – stickers or completed cards can be left in the collection box in the lower office.
CREATIVE GENERATION:

Friday July 20 - 7pm
Saturday July 21 - 1pm and 7pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Tickets from Ticketek
(http://premier.ticketek.com.au)

Adult $45,
Concession/Children $29
(restricted viewing seats available at a reduced price)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 17 July
- Newsletter available on website/hard copy
- FINAL OPEN DAY NO 3 9-11.30AM (Hall & Tour)
- Pre-carnival events (Athletics)
- Environmental Council Meeting 1.10pm
- Reading Group 3.15pm
- Science Publisher Book Display 4-5pm

Wednesday 18 July
- SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 7
- Yr 11 & 12 reports issued in form meeting
- QDU Preliminary Round

Thursday 19 July
- School Athletics Carnival (all students)
- Yr 11 & 12 report slips to box outside lower office

Friday 20 July

Monday 23 July
- Course 1 – P1,2&3 – some Yr 10,11,12 – Reading Room – Safety White Card course

Tuesday 24 July
- Course 2 – P1,2&3 – some Yr 10,11,12 – Reading Room – Safety White Card course

Wednesday 25 July
- SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 8
- Parent/Teacher/Student night 3.30 to 7.00pm by appointment.
- Yr 12 QTAC evening 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- QDU Finals Round One

Thursday 26 July
- P & C Meeting 7.30pm in Admin Block
- Prefect Meeting 1.10pm
- RACI Chemistry Quiz – Yr 11/12 Chemistry students only

Friday 27 July
- Fun Run Excursion to Wet n Wild
- National Tree Day

Monday 30 July

Principal
Quite a well kept secret is that one of Mansfield High School's students, Elodie Rousseau, was to be in the grand final of the television show *Australia’s Got Talent*. Elodie is a member of the group *Odyssey*. The performance by this group of gymnastic dancers is thrilling, dangerous and world class. Their coach is Yuri Stepchenkov, three times World Champion in Sports Acrobatics. Elodie is the one who spends most of the time in the air. For a thrill, view:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=wEwcrQnvWMA
and  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5LyMMXMsrE

The final of the show was telecast on Wednesday 18 July but in order to win, the group needs your vote.

If there is the opportunity to vote, you might like to consider voting for our very own dynamo, Elodie, by texting the word *Odyssey* to 1977 88 88 by 12 noon this Friday 20/7/12.
Snow Trip