FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For the first newsletter of the year it is worth considering the focus for 2014! As we move into the third year in delivering on the school’s Strategic Plan it is important for us as a school to strive for our vision of “Quality Learning in a Caring Environment”. An environment where students feel cared for and are valued as key stakeholders in their education here at Mansfield is vital for every child to be happy and motivated. This requires learning to be of the highest level that we, as teaching professionals, can create and deliver. In order for us to live our vision we direct our work, energy and professionalism towards the achievement of four objectives. In short the objectives are: teaching and learning, literacy and numeracy, student development, and performance.

I would invite all parents to visit the school’s website for further information on our strategic direction. Additionally, if parents wish to discuss this further, the upcoming P&C meeting would be the right forum. In fact, a draft annual plan for this year will be tabled for discussion.

In light of the strategic objective of the school, literacy and numeracy, the recent announcement of additional funding to assist in greater literacy and numeracy levels is particularly welcome. Recently, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment announced $131 million in additional State school funding under the Great Results Guarantee. Mansfield State High School will receive approximately $270,000. The funding will be used to develop evidence-based strategies that respond to the needs of our students and deliver improved outcomes.

Under the agreement, each school commits to guarantee that every student will either achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties. It will outline the student outcomes to be achieved as well as the evidence-based strategies the school will use to deliver those outcomes. We will publish the approved Guarantee on our website and report achievements to the school community at the end of the year.

Keep shining! …In saying that, let us inform you about just some of our many shining lights…

2013 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to our hardworking 2013 Year 12 students who achieved exceptional results. Leading the way were 15 OP1 students. Kusal Abeywardena Gunasekara, Leonie Barrett, Lauren Bragg, Lana Bricknell, Bethany Cave, Sam Cree, Isabella Gerometta, Andy Hsieh, Anastasia Kapeleris, Urvisha Kiri, Tharun Koipuram, Jennifer Lau, Mark Le, Mankaran Marok and Jeremy On are all celebrating the results of their hard work and enjoying the opportunities that an OP1 provides. Of the 262 OP eligible students, 29% achieved an OP between 1 and 5 and 87% an OP between 1 and 15. We would like to congratulate all of the 2013 seniors on a fabulous result and wish them the very best in their future endeavours. The Year 12s of 2014 have many wonderful role models; however they need to remember that they can do no more than their best.

PAST LEADERS’ SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Two past School Captains have once again shown that hard work has its rewards. Sam Cree (2013) and Corneels de Waard (2012) are both the recipients of University of Queensland Academic Scholarships. Sam, who will undertake a double degree in Arts and Science this year, has been awarded the UQ Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship which is awarded to applicants who achieve at the very top of the OP1 band and is valued at $12,000 per year for up to 5 years. Corneels has been awarded a UQ Excellence Scholarship for OP1 applicants who have demonstrated outstanding academic, leadership and/or significant service achievements during Years 11 and 12. Valued at $6000 per year for up to 4 years, this scholarship will assist Corneels as he works towards a Bachelor of Engineering degree.

STUDENT LEADERS 2014

Our 2014 school leaders are pictured (Left to Right): Vice-Captains Nimnaka Weerasena and Crystal Seng and Captains Kate Holley and Liam Hardie. As the leaders of the Prefect group, the Captains and Vice-Captains have already been hard at work helping the new members of our community settle in. Nim, Crystal, Kate and Liam are the leaders of the student body and will also head the Student Council which consists of two student representatives from each year form class.
RECEIVING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
A hard copy of The School Newsletter will only be sent home via students to parents who request this to happen. In order to do this, a tear-off slip is at the back of this Newsletter. It must be completed and returned to Mrs Gardiner in the Upper Office by 14 February. It is anticipated that most parents will register to receive the Newsletter online. When it is available, an email with a link will be sent to you. To receive the Newsletter by email, please visit our school website www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au and under the Newsletter section, complete your name and email address. In addition to this, every second Tuesday, our Newsletter is on our website for viewing at any time.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
In an effort to make our school website as useful as possible to our school community, please inform our website coordinator Mrs Kylie Docherty if you have any suggestions about other information that you would like to see included. Her email address is: kdoch8@eq.edu.au.

YEAR LEVELS
As there are four Deputy Principals in our school, each of them has a responsibility for specific year levels, particularly with respect to student welfare, behaviour management and general school issues. Should parents wish to contact a member of the Administration, it would be appreciated if they would contact:

* Years 8 & 11: Ms Peterson
* Year 10: Mrs Anghel
* Year 9: Ms Hamilton
* Year 12: Ms Clarke.

Students have also been instructed to follow this procedure.

STUDENT HANDBOOK
All students have been issued with a Student Handbook, to be used particularly for recording homework. The Handbook is to be kept totally free of graffiti, pictures, etc and, very importantly, used appropriately. Parents/guardians are asked to peruse and sign their student’s Handbook each weekend. Parents are asked to read particular sections of the Handbook (especially Pages 2 to 5). Specific homework entries are required for every subject conducted that day. Any student who incorrectly uses the Handbook or who loses it, is to buy a new one immediately from the Lower Office.

This new style of Handbook contains both specific Mansfield High School pages and coloured pages from the supplier. Please take some time to peruse it. It contains so much valuable information for students. We will be incorporating this material in our teaching in our newly developed Student Development Program lessons.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
It is our vision to do everything possible at our school to help create confident, informed and well-balanced Mansfield High School graduates. All that is done in our school to encourage students to do their best in the areas of general self improvement, academia, cultural activities, service and sport, comes under the overarching banner of the Student Development Program (SDP).

This year we will implement our own staff developed Student Development Program lessons for students. Last year we encouraged our school community (students, staff, parents and the wider community) to inform us about what the various members believed should be incorporated in this program’s lessons. This year in Period One on Wednesdays, students will participate in these lessons. A copy of the topics across the year levels will be posted on our website. Year 12s mainly participate in QCS preparation or in completing a Certificate I. However Year 8,9,10 and 11 students have quite varied programs. Your student has a copy of the topics for his/her year level. Particularly in the younger year levels, you will see that quite a bit of emphasis is on aspects incorporated in the Student Handbook. A chat on Wednesday evening with your student about the day might shed some light on what was discussed in the lesson that day and might provide you with an opportunity to explore that topic with your student.

Feedback will be sought from all stakeholders about these lessons.

GUIDANCE NEWS
Welcome to the first Guidance News for 2014. Our Guidance Officers are Mrs Karen Agnew (Mon-Thu) and Ms Kamal Mistry (Mon-Fri). Mrs Agnew can be contacted on 3452 5316 and Ms Mistry can be contacted on 3452 5318. Students may make appointments by dropping into the Guidance Office at A Block, rooms 19/20 during break times. Parents are always welcome to contact a Guidance Officer on the above numbers.

The Guidance Officers offer consultation, assessment, intervention and a prevention focus to help students manage those issues impacting upon their academic performance and development. They are available to assist students with a range of academic and personal issues including subject choices, study skills, time management, post compulsory options and further study, including QTAC procedures, career decision making and counselling and other personal management issues. They team with administrators, teachers, parents and other helping professionals (both in and outside of the school) to ensure that every student learns in a safe, healthy and supportive academic environment.

Guidance News will aim to provide you with general information and notification of a range of events relevant to students. Guidance News will also aim to provide regular up-dates on opportunities for young people and other topics of special interest to students and parents as the academic year progresses.
YEAR 11 PARENT EVENING
Wednesday 5 February 7 – 9pm
By the time you receive this Newsletter, this evening would have been conducted to allow parents the opportunity to learn more about your student’s subjects and to meet your student’s teachers. Any feedback about the evening would be appreciated.

YEAR 8 PARENT EVENING AND STUDENT BUSH DANCE
Wednesday 13 February 7pm for 7.15 pm (starts at 6.30pm for TIC and French Immersion students)
All Year 8 parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. Students will have a good time at the bush dance, which is conducted by our Physical Education Department. The Information Evening for parents involves parents staying in a room and members of the Administration and all Department Heads moving from room to room to talk with you. You will learn extremely useful and interesting matters pertaining to you, your student/s and the school. At the end of the evening you will return to the Hall to see your students dancing the night away. Please come early enough to find a parking spot. It is always difficult. (NOTE: The evening for students in 8E, 8F and 8I, and their parents, will begin at 6.30pm in order to cover the TIC or French Immersion matters.)

OPEN DAYS
Our Open Days for this year are advertised on our website under the ENROLMENTS tab. Separate dates will occur depending on whether students are presently in Year 6 or Year 7 and whether they live in our catchment area.

SCIENCE TEXT BOOKS
The Science department is looking for donations. We no longer require parents to buy the book, but would like to collect a class set for general use in the Science department. If you have either of the following text books and would like to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful. You may leave items at the upper office for the Science staff to collect. These are the items: Science and Inquiry Skills Book 1 that has been used for the Year 8 course and Science and Inquiry Skills Book 2 that has been used for the Year 9 and 10 course.

SPARQED- YR 11 BIOLOGY
Students are invited to apply for placement in the Mansfield Work Experience week program at SPARQED. There is a cost this year to all participants of $250 per person. The outstanding program allowing students to work with real scientists on real programs and investigations has numerous benefits. If you would like to find out more, view: http://www.di.uq.edu.au/sparqed-costs. Speak to some of our current Year 12 students to find out what they did. Rosalie Petersen, Tanya Sharma, Kylah Bradbrook, Aimee Mufasha and Victor Ma are just a few. If cost is an issue, please discuss this with Ms Vander Spoel in Science.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS
My name is Ms Peta Wenzel and I am Acting Head of Department for Senior Schooling in 2014. I have replaced Ms Sullivan who moved to another school. I can be contacted via the Upper Office on 3452-5333. Students may meet with me in the Senior Schooling Office at F Block, Room 10 before school and during break times. Parents are always welcome to contact me on the above number or via e-mail: pwenz1@eq.edu.au.

My responsibilities are varied but in particular, I can provide assistance with Year 11 and 12 students’ study period allocation, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, TAFE partnerships, QCE monitoring and eligibility, QCS test preparation co-ordination and Year 11 work experience.

ENGLISH NEWS…Literary Excursion
The Somerset Celebration of Literature Festival is one of Australia’s most enduring and innovative literary festivals. Once again, Mansfield High School is offering students the opportunity to listen to and possibly meet a number of authors on Friday 21 March. The bus will be leaving at 7.30 am and returning at 3.45 pm. The cost is $25 for the day.

Students who have attended this Festival in the past have been extremely positive about the experience. As numbers are limited, the first 60 students to return their permission slips and pay will be able to attend. The final date for returning permission slips and money is Friday 21 February. Information letters and permission slips can be obtained from Mrs Bladin, Head of Department (English), in G Block.

MATHS NEWS: YEAR 9 NAPLAN UPPER 2 BANDS NUMERACY PROJECT
Our school is engaged in a project to assist students who were awarded a band 7 in numeracy in their Year 7 NAPLAN results with the aim that they will move into the top 2 bands in numeracy (9 or 10) in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests. The project involves your student participating from home in a series of online tutorials with a teacher from Mansfield High who will lead them through a series of 8 lessons of 60 minutes each. The students are connected with the teacher in groups of 8 to 14 through an Education Queensland website. By using headsets with a microphone, an on-screen lesson will communicate Numeracy strategies and Problem solving techniques.

This is a great opportunity for identified students to improve their Maths outcomes. In week 2 an acceptance form will come home with those students. Please complete it and return it to the Maths staff room (F block).

The students who were involved last term found the lessons engaging and helpful and their classroom results generally showed an improvement. Our project is part of a much broader project across multiple years and across many areas of Queensland. The results have shown that by actively participating, your student has every chance to show improvement in both their classroom and in their NAPLAN outcomes.

If you would like more information please contact Paul Hunter phunt9@eq.edu.au or Mr Broome, Head of Department (Maths).
DEBATING NEWS
Debating is an outstanding extra-curricular activity that is offered at Mansfield High School. It fosters skills beyond the ability to speak in public. It teaches the student to take an objective view of current issues, to be aware of alternative points of view, to think on their feet, to work as a team and to develop leadership qualities. The positive benefits of debating for young people are recognised by the State Government which annually provides funding support to the Queensland Debating Union. Our Principal and the school administrators have always strongly supported Mansfield’s participation in the QDU competition. In 2012 one of our Year 9 teams won the Brisbane competition.

If your child is considering joining a debating team, it is important that they collect all relevant information from me in B13 staffroom. The information pack contains all of the important dates that you will need to plan your diary and check that debating dates do not clash with other activities. The fees for all teams entered into the competition are paid for by our school.

Mrs Narelle Kerma – Debating Coordinator

PARENTS DROPPING OFF / COLLECTING STUDENTS
Due to the heavy flow of traffic in Ham Road and Broadwater Road and the buses at the school, the rules are that students cross the roads at the lights or on the school crossings. Parents are also reminded that when dropping off/collecting students, they are not to enter or park in the school grounds. Parents are asked to support these policies. Please arrange to collect your students at a designated spot some one hundred metres from the school grounds. This will aid the safety of all.

(NOTE: Straight outside of the Administration building is a NO STANDING zone. Please note the YELLOW line. In addition to placing other members of our community in danger, if you stop there to drop off or collect students, you could also be fined. Please keep our community safe.)

Broadwater Road Uniting Church Car Park: The staff members at Broadwater Road Uniting Church have requested that parents and students DO NOT park in the Church car park during the day as it interferes with the daily business of the Church. Regular staff members have been unable to access their allocated car parks as others have taken them, ignoring the reserved signs.

MESSAGES
Parents/guardians are asked only to phone the school with a message for a student in an emergency situation, otherwise the efficient running of this school, of some 1750 students, and staff, becomes an impossibility. Matters such as where to collect students need to be discussed at home prior to students leaving for school in the morning. Messages for students from parents/guardians ONLY can be passed on.

LABELLING CLOTHING / RESOURCES
Are all of your student’s clothes and possessions labelled? If items ever get misplaced, students need to continually check lost property at the Upper Office. Items are disposed of after three weeks if no owner can be found.

NOTES FOR ABSENces
Some parents phone our school to inform us about a student’s absence. However for record keeping purposes, it is required that parents/guardians provide a note explaining the reason for the student’s absence. It is to include: the name of the student; the form class; the date the note is written; the date(s) of the absence; and a parent/guardian’s signature. Tear out notes are available at the back of the Student Handbook. If a student is likely to be absent for several days, the parent is asked to contact the school. Please see the Student Handbook Page 14 Point 3.4 for more details.

HATS / CAPS 2014
All students new to our school and all students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 must wear the broad brimmed hat. When on the oval or court playing a sport, they wear the new sports cap. Year 12 students may wear the hat or the cap. The old cap is being phased out. This head attire must be worn whenever the student is not in a classroom or the hall. This includes on the way to or from school, wherever students are.

SPORT NEWS
Interschool Sport / MAP
Mansfield High is involved in both Summer and Winter Interschool Sport in the South District Competition. Fixtures are held each Wednesday in Period 4. Summer fixtures will begin on Wednesday 12 February.

Interschool Sports offered include:
Boys - touch, squash, volleyball, cricket, basketball and futsal. Girls - softball, touch, squash, volleyball and futsal.

Students selected in interschool teams must have the full interschool sports uniform, be able to train once a week, pay the interschool levy ($40 Home and Away Or $55 Central Venue), and hand in permission/medical forms by the due date.

Students who do not do an interschool sport participate in the Mansfield Activity Programme (MAP) on Wednesday afternoons. Activities in MAP include academic/extension/support activities, and sporting and cultural activities. It is important to discuss activity selection with your students, keeping in mind such issues as cost of the activity and your student’s particular interests and abilities. Many activities cost nothing. Please note: All Year 8 students must select a physical activity for MAP in all three Blocks.
School Gym
The school gym is open to all students from 7.40 - 8.20am every day. New students, who attend, complete an induction procedure and are assisted with a program to suit their ability/needs. Students wear their formal uniform to school and then get changed. They are to bring a towel.

MAP Selections Block 1
Students will be required to log onto http://www.selectyoursport.com/man/login.php to select their MAP activity. Students who are selected in an Interschool sport activity should also select their sport on the site. Selections were to be completed by 9am on Tuesday 4 February. You are reminded that some activities have financial costs associated with them.

MAP is an essential part of Mansfield High’s curriculum. Therefore ALL students must be involved in an activity on Wednesday afternoon. Please try to make medical/ dental/ physio etc appointments at some other time.

Futsal
The State Schools’ Indoor Soccer Championships are held in Term 1 in Brisbane. Mansfield will be once again be represented by several teams. Training will commence shortly. Students are advised to consult the noticeboard in K Block for further information or to contact Mr Austen to express interest.

South District Trials

See Mr Kalpakidis for details and forms.

House Allocation
House allocation for all students is as follows by family name:

- A-D Hammarskjold
- E-K Gandhi
- L-P Schweitzer
- Q-Z U Thant

Our houses are named after people who showed great leadership, commitment, perseverance and aspiration in achieving their ideals (world peace). They provided wonderful role models for our students to emulate.

House Captains 2014

- Hammerskjold
  - Ghislaine Angell
  - Pranav Chander

- Gandhi
  - Katie Hinton
  - Henry Jones

- Schweitzer
  - Harriet Nicholson
  - Charlie Lee

- U Thant
  - Tahlia Seeto
  - Jake Ross

Swimming Carnival
Our school’s annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Chandler Aquatic Complex on Friday 7 February. All students are required to attend, as it is a normal day. They are encouraged to swim, but all students are expected to support their fellow team members. A permission slip was sent home previously. Students wear their formal uniform. All students are encouraged to bring their swimming gear, as they have an opportunity to swim and gain extra points for their House at lunchtime when laps are swum.

Cross Country
Cross Country training will be held every Monday and Thursday morning at 7.20am. Training will begin on Monday 24 February. Training sessions may consist of: laps of the purpose built 2 km school course; trips up the famous King Hill; or interval sessions ranging from 1 minute efforts to 1 km efforts. Students are to meet under K Block in full sports uniform. Permission letters are available from K Block staffroom. In order for students to compete in the school cross country (3 April), they must have attended training. Special awards will be given out throughout the training in recognition of the efforts of the athletes. See Mr Kalpakidis or Mr Williams for more details.

Representative Sport
Congratulations to Sydney O’Riley, Mitchell Bradbrook, Jessica Ashworth and Lachlan Ashworth for being selected in the Metropolitan East Triathlon Team.
It was a great effort by Alessandria Riding who was in the QLD Heat Athletics team late last year.

Insurance Cover For Students Undertaking Physical Activities
Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.
It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to our Year 8s

2014 has seen 370 Year 8 students welcomed into the Mansfield High School fold. The Captains and Prefects prepared the traditional ‘sausage sizzle’, which was served by the TIP leaders under K Block. A special thank you goes to all of the Year 12 students and the teachers who worked so hard to make the day a success for our newest students. We look forward to meeting all of our new families and encourage everyone to get involved in the life of the school. Please enjoy the Year 8 First Day collage at the end of this newsletter.

Canteen News

Rosalie Buzzoni and assistant Debbie O’Neill operate an extremely efficient, friendly and healthy Canteen. Healthy, fresh food options are prepared daily to ensure our students have high quality choices at a very reasonable price. Parent and volunteer helpers are essential in this process. Your assistance one day a month (or even occasionally) would be greatly appreciated. Some people choose to volunteer between 12.30 and 2pm, to help out with the lunch rush. As the Canteen is self-service, student contact is minimal and by choice alone. You will also have the opportunity to make new friends, be a part of daily school life and even meet the staff. The Canteen is an excellent place to commence your involvement in our School and we encourage you to get involved. To volunteer your time please complete the tear-off Canteen Roster slip at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the Upper Office asap. Your help will make all the difference. Thank you!

P & C Membership 2014

All parents, guardians and friends of our school are cordially invited to become members of our Parents and Citizens’ Association. Our active P&C works closely with the school to achieve common goals and to build a stronger school community where all students benefit. We need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for their children and school. P&C meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Administration Block Common Room. Membership does not mean you have to attend meetings; however it does entitle you to vote on matters pertaining to our school. At the end of this Newsletter is a P & C Membership tear-off slip which you are invited to complete and return to the UPPER OFFICE. Please note that membership must be renewed on an annual basis. All memberships received before the date of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27 February will be automatically accepted at that meeting.

P & C Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27 February, 7.00pm Common Room

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C. Memberships must be renewed every year as per the P&C Constitution and all new memberships and renewals received prior to the AGM will automatically be accepted. The first meeting of the P&C for this year will immediately follow the AGM.

Uniform Shop /Book Shop Thank You

The staff and volunteers from the Uniform and Book Shops would like to thank all families for their patience and understanding during the very busy back-to-school period. A very special thank you also goes to our wonderful students who assisted in the Uniform and Book Shops at the end of last year and at the beginning of this year. You did a marvellous job and we are extremely grateful for your assistance!

Winter Uniform Orders

If you require winter uniform items (including special orders), your order must be finalised by mid-February. All students, but in particular the Year 8s, will have the opportunity to try on winter items for size on Thursday 13 February and can place orders after that. All students require a school pullover ($60) and/or a blazer ($130). The school scarf ($15) is a warm option if your student feels the cold and is highly recommended. Tights ($7.50) are available for girls and trousers ($44-$47) for boys. Students will bring home an order form and will be required to pay for items when they return it to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday 18 February or Thursday 20 February. We would like to place the order as soon as possible just in case we get an early cold snap. Please note that uniform prices are subject to change. Our Uniform Shop Convenor is Mrs Anne Rattu and the opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday between 7.30 - 9.15am. Phone 3452 5357 – during opening hours only.

Mansfield High School Backpack

This is a compulsory part of our school uniform and must be used every day. All Mansfield High backpacks are designed to last a student’s lifetime. It should be free from defects in materials and workmanship. The warranty does not cover damage or defects arising from normal fair wear and tear, or misuse of the product. Students please respect your property and don’t throw, sit on, or in any other way misuse your school bags, as the warranty on the bags does not cover this. Some students open zips a minimal amount and then tear the bag open from that point. This will damage the zip.

The bag was selected for its quality and endorsement by the Australian Physiotherapy Association. It is essential however, that students wear it correctly. This will be demonstrated to students. If you would like further information, please view the Spartan website: www.spartanss.com.au. (NOTE: Students are particularly encouraged to bring only essential items to school. They should use their lockers during the day to remove superfluous items from their backpacks. Heavy items should be packed close to the student’s back. Parents might be able to assist to ensure that students do this.)
**Student Achievements**

We love to hear all about the wonderful achievements of our students, whether they be personal, sporting, musical, cultural, or service. We also like to share this news with our community and the wider public. If you have a story to tell us, please contact Mrs Sue Holley on 3452 5337 or email sholl143@eq.edu.au. We just love to share the good news.

**Lauren Elvery**

On Saturday 8 February, Year 12 student Lauren Elvery will take to the Brisbane Entertainment Centre stage with Darleks, Cybermen, the Silence and some Vampire Girls as part of the **Doctor Who Symphonic Spectacular**, a musical celebration of the iconic BBC series. In a Queensland first, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra will perform the music from the series accompanied by specially edited sequences of Matt Smith’s performance as the Eleventh Doctor on the big screen. The event will be hosted by legendary Fifth Doctor Peter Davison. Lauren recently won the role of the girl soprano and has spent the last week rehearsing with guest conductor Ben Foster and the QSO. She will also be singing a duet with tenor, Iain Henderson. Break a leg Lauren!

**Top Ballboy Shines**

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jake Lee who was recently named most outstanding ballboy of the Australian Open 2014 at a special on-court ceremony at Rod Laver Arena. The Top Ballkid Awards are presented to the ballboy and ballgirl who have demonstrated exceptional performance and conduct both on and off the court.

Australian Open ballkids are renowned on the world tennis circuit for their on-court skills and professionalism. Jake has been a ball boy for the Australian Open for the last three years. Excellent work Jake!

**Chaplaincy at Mansfield**

Mansfield High School has been very fortunate to have a full-time Chaplain for a number of years. At the end of last year, our wonderful Chappy, Ben Cherry, resigned to pursue other opportunities and we are currently in the process of appointing a new Chaplain. Ben will still be seen around the school during this transition period. He is very keen to help out in any way that he can. The position of Chaplain is funded by the Federal Government for two days a week and our generous community fundraises to support the other three days. We will be conducting a special Chaplaincy Drive in the second term, but all tax deductible donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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### Australian Air Force Cadets

**RECRUITING NOW**

The Australian Air Force Cadets is one of the Premier Youth Organisations of Australia. 215 SQUADRON (Brisbane SouthEast) is currently recruiting for 2014.

The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication.

### Do you want to?
- Develop your leadership, self reliance and communication skills
- Participate in adventure training and fieldcraft activities
- Have an opportunity to Learn to Fly

If you are an Australian citizen, have good general health, are aged between 13 and 18 years of age and have permission from your parents or guardian, become a Cadet in the Australian Air Force Cadets. 215 Squadron (Brisbane South East) is currently recruiting for 2014. The Squadron parades at the Cavendish Road High School on Monday evenings from 6.00pm to 9.00 pm.

For more information please contact Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Tony McKeaten on 0409 053 654 or email admino.215sqn@aafc.org.au

### Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT)

GBJT conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age.

Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 9 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

### St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club Sign On Day

St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club invites all students interested in playing soccer in 2013 to access the St Pauls Soccer Club website http://www.stpaulssoccer.org.au/. The sign-on was last Saturday.

### Mansfield Eagles Soccer Club

This Club also needs players in all age groups for males and females. The sign-on was last Saturday. See www.mesc.org.au. Contact Kerri Sidney for more information on 0414235323.

### Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club is Looking for New Recruits

The Club is holding free “Come and Try” sessions at Clem Jones Sports Centre, 401 Stanley Road, Carina for boys and girls aged between 4 and 16 years over two Sunday mornings: 17 & 24 February – 9-10am. A hockey stick and all necessary equipment are supplied, in addition to expert coaching and supervision in a safe, family friendly environment.

Official player sign on commences from 7 February with season starting after Easter.

For further information contact: Todd Fuller on 33578613; Don Collins on 3237 5992 www.eastshockey.org.au

### Mount Gravatt Vultures Sign On Day

**VULTURES**

**Mt Gravatt J.A.F.C.**

08/09 February 2014

Ditmar Park (Cnr Klump Road and Logan Road)

Ages from 3 to 36 boys and girls welcome

If you are looking for a great way to stay fit and participate in a team sport which provides children with a fun, safe and positive experience then this is the sport to try.

REMEMBER THAT JUNIOR AGE GROUPS PLAY WITH MODIFIED RULES REGARDING THE LEVEL OF CONTACT ALLOWED.

For further information contact either the President Phil Davies on 0434 359 846, the Registrar Carlotas Batista on 0431 125 965 or by email at mtgravattjuniors@afj.com

www.mtgravattjuniors@africa.com

### The University of Queensland

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The UQL Cyberschool offers the following services to Year 11 and 12 students:

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- **Links to free online resources** are available from our website for most senior secondary subjects. URL: http://guides.library.uq.edu.au/cyberschool-students
- **Research guides** on topics such as referencing, avoiding plagiarism and online assignment planners can be accessed from our website

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www.library.uq.edu.au/services-for/services-for-secondary-school

or contact Cyberschool staff at cyberschool@library.uq.edu.au
Welcome NEW staff in HPE and Sport

We take great pleasure in welcoming our new staff to the HPE and Sport Faculty. We look forward to sharing their journeys and celebrating their successes at Mansfield High.

Red Chair Day
Mansfield Sports Group (MSG) held its inaugural “Red Chair Day” on Friday 31 January – the annual SIGN-ON day for students to register interest for their sport for the entire year! Students were entitled to register for more than one sport. Students MUST have their names listed in order to trial at a later date. This enables us to track our performers, acknowledge their efforts and prepare better for our teams.

Tuesday Training
Our sports teams will know in advance their training times on Tuesday AM or PM to enhance our planning and team culture in Mansfield Sport!
AM session: 7.20 - 8.20am
PM session: 3.20 - 4.20pm
We might need Wed AM...

CONGRATULATIONS

MSG Captains
Delaney Ronan & Lachlan Barr

Hammarskjold Captains
Ghislaine & Pranav

MSG Teal Talk Editors
Danah, Alex & Rachel

Futsal Coaches: Mr Austen & past student, Daniel Sciacca
Sefic Ferizovic Matthew Zhong
Nathan Wooler Angelo Georgas
Mitchell Sciacca Chris Bakalakis
Strahinja Vukadin Wesley Ngu

13 years Futsal National Championships
Mansfield High
2013 – “TEAM OF THE YEAR”

Swimming Carnival: Fri 7 Feb
Cross Country training: Mon 24 Feb
X-country training: Mon and Thu 7.20
Cross Country: Thursday 3 March
Summer Round 1: Wed 12 Feb
Summer Finals: Wed 30 April (Term 2)
Winter Round 1: Wed 14 May
HPE Week: Mon 26 May – 30 May
MSG Trivia Night: Term 3
MSG Trivia Night: Friday 22 August
Athletics Carnival: Thu 24 July (Term 3)
Women in Sport Breakfast: Term 4
WIS Breakfast: Wed 15 October
INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SCHOOL MATHS
YEAR 8 CURRICULUM - WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2014
(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.
Then simply write the date and time in your calendar and come at your chosen time.)

Parent’s Name: ................................................................. Phone: ....................................................

Student’s Name: ................................................................. Student’s Form Class: .............

Time Preferred: (Please indicate) □ Wednesday 1 - 3pm   OR   □ Wednesday 7 - 9pm

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF THE MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION FOR 2014
(Please complete and return to the Upper Office BEFORE 3pm on Thursday 27 February)

Name/s: .................................................................................................

Address: ......................................................................................................

Home phone: ................. Mobile: .................. Email address: ...........................................................

Membership: New / Renewal (please circle one)
I am/We are parent/s / caregiver/s / community member (over 18 years of age) at the school (please circle one)
I/We agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association. I/We agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. I/We agree to be bound by Education Queensland’s Code of Conduct which includes the following:

- Personal Privacy – information obtained as a P&C representative MUST be considered confidential and treated accordingly
- Courtesy, respect, dignity and fairness will be observed at all times
- Discrimination against any person will not be tolerated (refer Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)

Signature/s: ................................................................. Date: ...........................................................

P&C Secretary Use
Date received: ....../....../...... Date accepted: ....../....../......
Secretary’s signature: .......................................................... Entered in P&C Register: □
MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – CANTEEN ROSTER 2014
(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office)

I / We would like to assist the Canteen by helping one day a month.

Name: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Student's Name and Form: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Phone No. and Address: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please circle preferred day below.

1st Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month
2nd Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month
3rd Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month
4th Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month

Please indicate other options: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please return this slip to MRS GARDINER in the Upper Office by Thursday 13 February 2014, if you still wish to receive a hard copy of our Newsletter from our school on a fortnightly basis. Most parents will choose to access our fortnightly Newsletter via our website after having received an email from the school. Please visit the website to register for the electronic version.

(Our preference is that parents access the email; however if this does not suit your circumstances, please return this slip.)

Student’s Name: ........................................ Form Class: ............... 

Parent/Guardian Signature: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Year 8 First Day
To our school community…

THANK YOU for a wonderful start to the 2014 school year!

Your support has been appreciated!
HAWKs FC
Dittmer Park, Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt

Junior Sign-On Days

Junior Boys and Girls
5.30pm - 7.00pm on:
Mon 20th and Wed 29th Jan, 2014
Mon 3rd and Wed 12th Feb, 2014

Welcoming new players aged 3-16

Players Aged 3-7
(This program is delivered in partnership with GOL Brasil FC. To register in the GOL Brasil Programs held at Mt Gravatt see GOL Brasil advert or visit www.hawksfc.org.au/GOLBrasil)

Players Aged 8-11
(Teams travelling and competing against other clubs including Komodos Program for U9-U11)

NEW TEAMS FOR GIRLS BORN 2003 AND 2002

Players Aged 12-16 several teams available including

U16 BJL, U15, U14 BJL, U13 BJL & U12 BJL and many other Divisions,
Girls Under 13, 12 and 11 teams in 2014

For online registration see website for details!
Junior Development Program focusing on individual player development.
All new players are welcomed in all age groups, no experience required!

Enquiries email - juniors@mtgravatthawks.org

www.hawksfc.org.au