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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At this point in the school term all students should have a Calendar of Events glued into their Student Handbook! All of their assessment and other commitments should now be highlighted! The purpose behind this is to ensure that students begin planning their time and balancing their various commitments. With the volume of assessment and numerous subjects, students need to learn how to manage their time and their meet their deadlines. These are life skills and they need to be taught. Within the Student Development Program (SDP) many students have recently completed a unit on time management. At home can we please ask that parents are working with their child to compartmentalise the jobs ahead, prioritise the work and break the tasks down into achievable bite sized bits. The best way to study, prepare for exams and complete assessment is a little bit at a time. A small morsel each day! Little by little, day by day, will see the work completed

Keep shining!

OPEN DAY NO 1.....Thursday, 13 March for Year 7 2015 and Friday 14 March for Year 8 2015
9am-12noon for the WHOLE SESSION beginning in the Hall

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend our first Open Day for 2014 as listed below. However because of numbers, we encourage only students from **outside of the catchment area to attend this time including** Mansfield Primary out of catchment students. You will receive a guided tour of our school as well as an informative talk. Come early and enjoy listening to one of our magnificent Mansfield music ensembles. All relevant enrolment forms and information will be available on the day.

Our other **Open Days** for students in the catchment area will be: **Thursday 1 May for Yr 7 2015 and Friday 2 May for Yr 8 2015.**
A special Open Day will be conducted for Mansfield State School Year 7 2015 students on Wednesday 7 May 10.45am-12.30pm. It would be appreciated if the parents accompanied the students.

Applications for enrolment will only be accepted for:

A. Students within the catchment area:

1. after attendance at an Open Day and
2. after presentation of all necessary documentation and
3. after attendance at a scheduled Parent/Student Conference with the Principal.

B. Students outside of the catchment area:

1. after attendance at an Open Day and
2. after an application package with the accompanying application fee is submitted and
3. after an interview with the Principal.

Our catchment map is on our website: <https://mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/enrolments-catchment-area-map.pdf>

Top Students Visit Assembly

Many of the 2013 seniors who achieved OP1 and OP2 results returned to Mansfield High School on Wednesday 19 February to be honoured for their hard work and outstanding results. Mr Sloman encouraged the current students to draw inspiration from the example set by the 2013 Year 12 students. Of the 262 OP eligible students in 2013, 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.

OP1 recipients - 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, Karan Marok and Jeremy On.

OP2 recipients - Megan Bragg, Talent Branjerdporn, Ten Ten Chien, Sonita Chinor, Madeleine Franco, Kent Hahn, Reearna Janke, Charlie Li, Alex Mougnot, Prahlad Payda, Sonja Roethlisberger, Josh Rolls, Caitlin Thomas, Andrew Tierney and Eileen Hong.



YEAR 8 to 12 MID-SEMESTER REPORTS

The end of term one reports for Years 9 to 12 will display the student's achievement level, effort, behaviour and homework. Year 8 reports will also include these aspects in addition to a comment for each subject. In conjunction with the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student nights in weeks 1 and 2 in Term 2, teachers will indicate on this report whether an interview is requested.

Friday 4 April	Years 8,9,10 Mid-semester reports issued in SDP Class
Friday 4 April	Parent/Teacher/Student evening bookings for Years 8, 9, 10 open at 6pm
Wednesday 23 April Term 2 Week 1	Parent/ Teacher/Student evening for Years 8, 9,10 3.30 to 7.30pm by appointment
Wednesday 23 April Term 2 Week 1	Year 11 and 12 Mid-semester reports issued in SDP Class
Wednesday 23 April Term 2 Week 1	Parent/Teacher/Student evening bookings for Years 11 and 12 open at 6pm
Wednesday 30 April Term 2 Week 2	Parent/Teacher/Student evening for Years 11 and 12 3.30 to 7.00pm by appointment.

2014 NEXT STEP SURVEY

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all of our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2014.

For more information visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME & Subject Charges

It is anticipated that the statements for students will be sent next week. This covers semester one subject charges and the Credit for the Student Resource Scheme. **All parents are asked to wait until the statement is mailed to you.** Payment methods are explained on the bottom of your statement along with your student's debtor ID number. Thank you so much to those parents who have paid or have been trying to pay to date. We appreciate your attention to this matter. However other parents are asked to wait for the statement. (Due to a change in the Education Department's accounting system, individual invoices are being emailed to parents; this is **beyond our control**. We apologise for the confusion that this has caused. Please wait for the **FULL statement**.)

By the way, the statement you will receive is called a **DEBTOR'S STATEMENT**. Although many of us dislike that term, that is the financial terminology in the system, over which we also have no control...so **apologies in advance!**

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 2014

At the beginning of the year, I had the opportunity of attending session B of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Perth. At the forum, we participated in both hands-on science activities, group discussions on global issues as well as developing leadership and personal skills. During the twelve days in Perth, we worked alongside top scientists and met leading researchers in the field of science. One of the highlights was meeting the other 142 like-minded students from all over Australia. The friendships built during this forum will hopefully last forever. Attending the NYSF further enriched my understanding of science and has broadened my understanding of possible new pathways for me within this field. Personally, I encourage all Year 11 students who are interested in science to consider this opportunity as it is no doubt a life transforming event. Applications to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January 2015 open on 1 April 2014 and close on 31 May 2014. If you would like to apply, go to www.nysf.edu.au and learn more about what you need to do.



Aimee Mufasha
Year 12

DISABILITY ACCESS PARKING HAM ROAD CAR PARK

We have recently allocated two regulation size disability parking bays in the Ham Road car park, just next to the music block. This parking is available for motorists who require parking access with either **RED or BLUE permits only**. Please note these bays are clearly marked and are not for general parking use. We currently have students who require access to these parking bays at morning drop off, afternoon pick up and during the day. We ask parents to please refrain from accessing these spaces to ensure parents of students with disabilities can ensure safe and efficient access to the school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

FACILITIES

2014 will be a huge year for facilities in our school with the building of a new three storey building on Broadwater Road to help accommodate our Year 7 students in 2015.

Additionally, to help upgrade the appearance of the school, we will be undertaking long overdue works to remove the deteriorating walkways beside A block and Administration. This will mean that from 5 April right through the whole of next term, the entrance to Administration on Broadwater Road will be out of action and the entrance to the school administration will be through the Ham Road car park and then through the common room beside S block. Entry may also be made at A block near the tuckshop and across the parade ground in front of the Lower Office.

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

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

The Resource Centre is in need of volunteers to supervise the collection of mobile phones each afternoon between 2.50 and 3.15pm. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Holley 3452 5337 with your availability.

EXTERNAL SENIOR EXAMS

Year 12 students wishing to apply to sit External Senior Examinations, particularly in the area of languages other than English, need to see Ms Wenzel in F10 this week. The examinations available for the following languages other than English are: [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#), [Modern Greek](#), [Polish](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#). Students who sit for these exams usually have the results credited towards their OP and they count for four semesters of credit. Students are eligible to sit a maximum of two examinations if they cannot study the subject/s at school. Students must be able to demonstrate they are receiving an appropriate level of tuition in the examination subject. All examinations occur in October and November 2014. Registration and payment is due at our school by 23 April 2014.

RYDA ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Did You Know? Young people aged 17 – 25 represent 15% of the population but count for approximately 25% of deaths and injuries on our roads.

Mansfield State High School is committed to educating the 'whole student', providing an opportunity to learn essential life skills. We encourage students to take greater responsibility for themselves and their friends before they face the challenges of driving solo or as a passenger of a new driver.

Last Tuesday 25 February, all Year 11 students attended the RYDA excursion at Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler. The program consisted of 6 interactive sessions including:

1. Demonstration of stopping distances.
2. Familiarisation with common hazards, distractions and risks, and how to avoid or minimise their impact.
3. The impact that alcohol, drugs and fatigue have on driving ability.
4. A talk by a Police Officer on the consequences of poor choices on the road, from the tragic human toll to financial and legal ramifications.
5. A presentation by a person who has a spinal injury as a result of a motor vehicle crash.
6. Vehicle safety, covering such topics as ABS brakes, car maintenance and insurance.

Feedback from the students was very positive and each and every student walked away with a better understanding of their responsibilities as a driver. A great day was had by all in attendance.

MATHS NEWS

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 work and homework.

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

Please ask your child to check the notice board outside Mr Broome's office for all details.

QAX 2014

QAX – *Quest for Answers and Explanations* will be available to all students of Mansfield High from 24 February. QAX is a software package that teachers, students and parents may obtain to assist in further developing mathematical skills. The programme has over fifty thousand questions, all of which have worked solutions from foundation level maths to senior level Maths C. Other built-in benefits include a graphic calculator for drawing all graphs and introductory notes and hints for all topics.

Access to the QAX package from home is through the internet so students must purchase the licensing rights to have access to the program. At school every student has free access to this program. This software package will be additional to the maths textbook for each year level. We truly believe this software package will greatly assist every student in our school. Every question has a fully worked solution showing clear and expected communications. The package also includes the ability to summarise the success of your student's ability in mathematics.

Each Year 8 and 9 TIC (Technologically Integrated Curriculum) class will be using this program in addition to the Year 8 or 9 maths textbook. We believe that this package has great advantages for all of our students and we take pleasure in offering this additional resource to all families.

The cost of this program is \$15 per year, which is very reasonable in comparison with other Maths programs available. To obtain this program, please pay \$15 to the lower office, and then see Mr Broome to obtain the registration details.

Please contact your teacher or Maths Head of Department (Mr Broome) to find out more about this program.

U2B Project

The project has started for this term with four teachers and close to forty students mostly in Year 9. Last week students learned how to use the internet delivery platform *Collaborate* so that they can use a microphone, writing and drawing tools to communicate with each other and their teacher. Students get to talk and interact with their teacher often during a lesson. This week's lesson is helping students understand and visualise some part problem or whole problem solving strategies. The series of lessons is designed to help students build their confidence and problem solving capability with maths, leading to an improved result both in the classroom and in NAPLAN tests. We use many NAPLAN questions as examples during the lesson and on the Virtual Classroom. The students involved will this week receive an invitation to the Virtual Classroom through their school email. In the Virtual Classroom there is a copy of all of the

lessons and some support material for those lessons, together with some homework and additional problems to solve. Please contact Maths teacher Mr Paul Hunter at phunt9@eq.edu.au for more information.

LANGUAGES NEWS

Japanese 2014

Japanese classes have gotten off to a great start for the year. Year 8 students are progressing well in their study of the Japanese script, hiragana. All Year 8 Japanese students have a yellow hiragana booklet. There are some really helpful tips on page 4 of the booklet on how parents can assist their child at home in the learning of the script. Also, on page 75 there is a list of useful websites to assist students in their learning. Throughout the year we offer food tasting for our Year 8s, who this week tried *omochi* – red bean cakes. There were some very funny faces pulled as the texture and taste are quite unique!



On Monday 24 February we welcomed Mr Yodai Matsui, a Japanese intern from Griffith University, who will be with us for the next four weeks. He will be participating in lessons and offering students in all year levels lots of speaking practice.

Plans are well underway for our Japan trip that departs in just five weeks! We wish Ms Luppi, Mr Minto and the group of students an incredible journey that enriches their love of the Japanese language and culture.

Strasbourg Exchange

On 28 November three Mansfield students boarded a plane to Strasbourg, France. I was one of the three students of French to be selected to go to France for two months. In addition to travelling to France, all three of us had our own unique European adventures. I was able to explore four amazing countries: Italy, France, Germany and Switzerland. I had an experience of a lifetime, travelling and meeting new people, going to school in another country and speaking a different language. This is an experience that I would recommend any French student to aim for in their future. It has provided me with more confidence to speak the French language and to see the world in an extraordinary way.

Rasneet Assan

For eight weeks over the summer holidays, I was one of three Mansfield State High School students to travel to Strasbourg, France on exchange. The stay was amazing. The school welcomed us with open arms and we were soon in the swing of things. We went to the school's winter prom and my host family took me to Paris. We embraced the French school system including its lack of uniforms and the sense of freedom. We were immersed in the wonderful French culture and ate lots of French food. We made lifelong friendships and created fabulous memories. This was truly an unforgettable and amazing experience.

Jeffrey Wang

STUDENT ACTORS SHINE IN THE MIKADO

Saturday 22 February marked the last show of the Sunnybank Theatre Group's production of the Mikado, which began showing on 7 February. Mansfield students Sam Sandroussi and Gabby Diaz played the two main characters, Nanki-Pu and Yum Yum, while Tyler Goes and Ben Barruel acted in the four-man chorus in the Gilbert and Sullivan classic musical, which managed to bring in a full house almost every performance. The auditions and rehearsals started back in October 2013, and to know that the last show is finally over is a saddening, yet relieving, thought. Despite the long hours of rehearsals and four shows per week, it was fabulous working with seasoned actors; we gained great experience working as a team. We all got so much out of the whole production. The entire cast had great fun throughout the experience and it isn't one we will soon forget.

Ben Barruel, 10I



MUSIC NEWS

Music Camp 1 (March 7 - 9, Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands)

- Final details letter is available from outside the Music staffroom
- Remember... the theme is *Fantasy*!

Music Camp 2 (May 9 - 11), Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands)

- Ensembles involved - Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Woodwind Choir, Museaus, String Orchestra, Cantus, Cantrice and Male Chorus
- Camp forms and payment due no later than Wednesday, 19 March.

Music Uniform

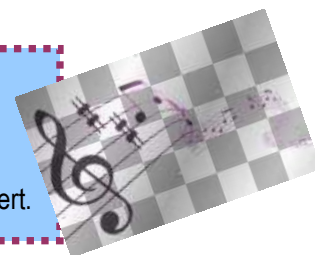
Does your music uniform still fit? Are you new to the program and still need to purchase a music uniform? Orders can be placed at the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30am – 9.15am.

Music in March

Friday 14 March 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Entry will be by donation.

There will be no interval but tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available prior to the concert.



Creative Generation – Audition Success

Mansfield has 12 students in the final round of Creative Generation auditions for **Featured Vocalists and Stand Alone** items. This is an exceptional result considering the Creative Generation Team started with 400 audition DVDs and heard only 108 performers in the most recent round of auditions. The vocal students being considered will now participate in a three day selection process to determine the final cast for the *Creative Generation 10th Anniversary Show*. The vocal students are: Luke Mears (Yr 8), Rachel Downes (Yr 11), Anthony Ball (Yr 11), Blake Peterson (Yr 12), Gabby Diaz (Yr 12), Jane Youngs (Yr 11), Ellen Axford (Yr 12), Roy Yu (Yr 12), Isaac Tucker (Yr 12), Sam Sandroussi (Yr 12). Dan Elvery (Saxophone soloist) & Aven Yap (Composer/pianist) are also being considered as Stand Alone Variety performers.

Special thanks go to Mr Matt Lower and Mr Andrew Bell for their contribution to the preparation of the students for auditions and for running audition days. We are still to hear about the Orchestra members. Good luck everyone!

Get Involved in the School Musical 2014

A meeting for all staff, parents and past students who are interested in contributing to this year's musical will be held in M2 on Wednesday 5 March from 3:15 – 4.00pm. If you have a flair for the dramatic, like to dress people, build scenery, source props or make toasted sandwiches, this is the opportunity for you. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing the ideas we already have for the show. A huge thank you goes to those who have already expressed an interest in being part of this Mansfield community event.

What will this year's musical be? All will be revealed to students in the following week.

DRAMA NEWS

Drama Camp

After the great success of the Drama camp last year, we are holding a Drama camp again this year for the Year 10, 11 and 12 Drama students. The students will depart from school at 8:30am on the Thursday 24 April and return by 3:30pm on Saturday 26th. It is strongly recommended that students attend this camp as it enhances the work they are currently completing in class. The camp complements and enhances class work in addition to exploring a variety of workshops not currently being studied. The camp program includes a six hour intensive workshop that will be taken by Zen Zen Zo, a team of highly respected Physical Theatre professionals. Cinematic Theatre, the favourite workshop last year, in addition to, Realism and improvisation workshops, will also be explored. The students' creative endeavours will culminate with a Drama night in which the highlights of camp will be performed for a public audience. The deposit of \$50 must be paid as soon as possible and the remaining \$206 by Thursday 13 March.

Year 11 and 12 Drama

It has been a very exciting start to the year. The Year 11 Drama students are beginning a new work program which includes units such as Cinematic Theatre which have never been studied here before. The study of Cinematic Theatre will include a residency by *Markwell Presents*, the absolute leaders in this genre. The culmination of the unit is a Cinematic Theatre performance created by the students. The Year 12 students will shortly view a performance of *Epic* which will be performed by *Grin and Tonic Theatre Company*, here at school on Tuesday 11 March at 12pm. They will then review this as their second piece of assessment. Their next highlight will be an excursion to see *Macbeth* at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre on Friday 4 April. The Year 11 students will also attend this performance and will review it as their first responding task.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Carers Queensland offers 6 free counselling sessions for parents / family carers of children with Autism / Aspergers and / or a Mental Health issue (e.g. depression, anxiety, eating disorders, ADHD etc).

Caring for a child with additional needs can be stressful and it may help to link parents in with someone they can talk to.

Please feel free to provide this information directly to any parent who you feel may be interested in accessing free counselling and support from *Carers Queensland*. General information can also be found on the website www.carersqld.asn.au

SCHOOL LEAVERS FEE-FREE TRAINING

Year 12 graduates can now undertake fee-free training in high priority qualifications, as part of the Queensland government's *Great skills, Real opportunities* action plan. Year 12 graduates can enrol in a number of Certificate level 3 qualifications. For further information visit www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree or contact the Training Queensland customer centre on 1300369935.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO

This event is a showcase of tertiary institutions, training colleges, employers and Government initiatives in Queensland.

Date: Friday 23 May to Saturday 24 May

Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Open days are an excellent opportunity for students considering University to get a real 'feel' for the university and attend lectures and talks of specific faculties and careers. Universities will publish detailed programs closer to the date.

Institution Open Days are as follows:

Institution	Open Day
Australian Catholic University	Wednesday 24 July Open Night - 5:30pm - 8:30pm Tours are available all year round. Email campustours@acu.edu.au
Bond University	Sunday 14 July 10am - 3pm
Christian Heritage College	Saturday 25 August Mansfield campus
CQUniversity	Sunday 4 August Gladstone campus; Noosa campus Sunday 11 August Bundaberg campus Sunday 18 August Mackay campus Sunday 25 August Rockhampton campus
Griffith University	Sunday 11 August 9am - 2pm, Nathan, Gold Coast and South Bank campuses
James Cook University	Sunday 25 August 10am - 2pm, Cairns campus Sunday 1 September 10am - 2pm, Townsville campus
Queensland University of Technology	Sunday 28 July 9am - 3pm, Gardens Point campus Sunday 19 August 9am - 3pm, Caboolture campus
The University of Queensland	Sunday 4 August 9am - 3pm, St. Lucia campus Wednesday 7 August 2:30pm - 6:30pm, Ipswich campus Sunday 18 August 9:30am - 3pm, Gatton campus
University of New England	Friday 3 May For personalised campus tours, phone 1800 818 865
University of Southern Queensland	Sunday 4 August 10am - 1pm, Fraser Coast campus Sunday 18 August 10am - 2pm, Toowoomba campus Sunday 25 August Springfield campus
University of the Sunshine Coast	Sunday 11 August 10am - 3pm, Sippy Downs campus

Year 12 Bonus Schemes

A number of QTAC's institutions operate Bonus Rank Schemes for [Current Year 12](#) students applying to commence tertiary study at these universities. These schemes recognise achievement in a range of study areas.

Bonus ranks may be awarded for successful completion of specific Queensland Year 12 subjects such as Languages other than English (LOTE) and Maths C, and some university-level subjects. A current Year 12 applicant may potentially be awarded a combination of bonus ranks. The maximum number of bonus ranks awarded will depend on the institution.

For further information on the Bonus Rank Scheme please check out the website below.

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-SAS/Year12Bonus.html>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chaplaincy at Mansfield

Greetings Mansfield High community!

My name is Glen Petersen. I am the new School Chaplain for Mansfield State High School. I'm excited to return to this great school, from which I graduated 15 years ago, and to continue the great work that Ben Cherry has been doing over the past 4 years.

A little bit about myself... I am married to Tamar and we live in Mansfield which is also where I grew up. Any day now we are expecting our first child. I have worked in shopping centre development, in-house and agency recruitment and for the past nine months as a school chaplain at Loganlea High. Outside of work, I love to hang out with Tamar and sneak in a round of golf or an early-morning surf. We are both involved in our church (Hope Centre International) and I have volunteered in children's and youth ministry both here and in the Philippines.

My role as a chaplain is to provide pastoral care for the whole school community, and to help students to find ways to help themselves work through problems. Most importantly, I am here to listen. Confidentiality is a priority for me, following the Department of Education guidelines. I believe our young people can achieve great things and I believe their character and attitude will help them sustain it long term. My role is to encourage.

Please feel free to contact me through the school office should you wish to discuss your student's needs. Blessings,

Glen Petersen – School Chaplain



P&C Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM and the first general meeting of the P&C for 2014. Thank you to outgoing Vice President, Marcel Heijnen for his dedicated service to the P&C and to our School. Congratulations to the new Executive Committee. We look forward to a positive, productive year ahead.

President: Amanda Scarpato

Vice-President: Doug Margetts

Treasurer: Jason Allen

Vice-President: Jodie Mark

Secretary: Jo Hardie

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Thursday 27 March at 7pm** in F Block – F4/5. This is the block next to the Hall where Parent/Teacher interviews are held. New members are always welcome.

Uniform Committee

The Uniform Committee consists of P&C representatives (one from each year level), Student Council representatives (one from each year level) and staff representatives. The group meets as required. Some of the roles of the Uniform Committee are to:

- Help monitor the quality of our school uniform items
- Consider any suggested items
- Assist with the planning of new items for eg design, fabric/materials, suitability, longevity etc.

The group will be meeting in the near future to discuss:

- Any issues about quality that have arisen
- The matters discussed at the recent P&C Meeting, namely:

- (i) a **compulsory** training shirt and shorts costing approximately \$70 for all students who will be involved in training, regardless of whether the student trains once a year or every day. This is in addition to the normal sports uniform worn for HPE and some sport teams/MAP activities.

The reasons for this proposal are: the fabric will be more resilient to the rigours of training, and to display our new TEAL TRIDENTS logo.

However some matters of concern that have already been raised are:

- the extra cost of \$60 per student
- students maybe having to carry/wear three uniforms in the one day
- the need for individual order forms for each student as each shirt is individually numbered
- management of the ordering process
- no second-hand market as shirts are individually numbered
- shirts cannot be passed from student to student, including not from family member to family member.

- (ii) School-funded interschool sport uniforms displaying our new TEAL TRIDENTS logo for various sports. These will be distributed weekly to students and laundered at school.



Parents are highly encouraged to contact their year level parent representatives with their comments. Contact details are:

Yr 8 Parent	Jennifer Lumsden	wjl229@bigpond.com 0411 135 131
Yr 9 Parent	Sharene Rapisardi	sharene13@optusnet.com.au 0421 197 069
Yr 10 Parent	Anne-Maree Mircic	iamircic@bigpond.com 3343 1901
Yr 11 Parent	Michelle Riding	michelleriding1@gmail.com 0414 773 301
Yr 12 Parent	Sue Holley	sholl143@eq.edu.au 3452 5337



Rauchle Service Club

A True Mansfield Star

Alexandra Radke delves into the legacy of one of Mansfield State High's legends, Ms Nell Rauchle.

The legacy of the late (and great) Ms Nell Rauchle, the founding of the Rauchle Service Club, has touched the lives of many Mansfield State High students since the passing of Nell Rauchle in 2003. However, her contribution to her community extended beyond her dream to create a service club at Mansfield High. She not only laid the foundations for our Rauchle Service Club, but she was also a founding member of the SCOPE club (<http://www.scope.org.au/index.html>) – a women's service organisation which supports communities across Australia. Nell Rauchle's bright and guiding nature is still fondly remembered by the women of the Wynnum SCOPE club. The Nell Rauchle Memorial Trophy of the Speech and Drama section of the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod was named in her honour.

Before she became a guidance officer, Nell Rauchle trained as a Home Economics teacher. This was evident at Christmas time at Mansfield High when her gifts of service became gifts of lovingly prepared goodies such as chutney – some of the latter still in a staff member's refrigerator. However, both in her role as a guidance officer, as well as in her service to the greater community, she was known for her skills of unlocking the potential of all. We can see this every day at Mansfield High through the work of all volunteers who carry on Nell Rauchle's belief of giving to their school and the wider community, which give so much to us.

Interested students who wish to give to others are warmly invited to the next meeting of the Rauchle Service Club on Monday 17 March at 1.10pm in F4/5. Alternatively, or additionally, students might like to complete V@M (Volunteer @ Mansfield) activities. Thank you for giving!



Ms Nell Rauchle

Environmental Council - Passion for a Greener Future

A group of passionate students and staff lead Mansfield State High's mission for a greener future writes Alexandra Radke.

Mansfield State High School's mission to improve both our environment and the environment of the greater world is reinforced at a student level by the Environmental Council. Each year, this green group of students and teachers, works towards improving our school's sustainability and carbon footprint. We are fortunate enough to have a tributary of Bulimba Creek running through our school which the Environmental Council, in conjunction with outside environmental groups, helps maintain. The students of the Environmental Council also take a 'hands on' approach to the maintenance of the school's gardens. Additionally we support our greater environment by sponsoring the care of a koala, Guppy, and by being active participants in the Reef Guardian Schools initiative. Some of the events we will coordinate this year are: Clean up Australia Day, National Tree Day, and Arbor Day.

To become a part of this enthusiastic and involved green group, please attend the next meeting of Mansfield High's Environmental Council on Tuesday 11 March at 1.10pm in F4/5.

HEALTH NEWS: HARMONY DAY and NDAABV

21st March this year is both *Harmony Day* and the *National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence*. This is a perfect opportunity to have conversations with our young people about acceptance, diversity, respect and friendship. The following is Courtesy of the *ThinkUKnow e-newsletter Volume 5, Issue 2*.



There is much discussion around encouraging children and young people to be ethical bystanders, and rightly so. Most young people don't bully, and most aren't bullied either, but we do know that they see this happening and it does impact on them. We can help children and young people to be ethical bystanders by encouraging them to create a culture in which bullying and cyber-bullying are not welcome. This means cultivating respectful relationships and developing conflict resolution skills. Let's be honest, this is no easy task and one that cannot be outsourced; we all have a responsibility to model and teach these skills.

Respectful relationships need to be modelled by all of us, parents, siblings, schools, sports clubs and friends. Showing respect in all of our relationships starts in the home, from a young age. It requires us to think about how we talk about bosses, colleagues, friends and family members in the home and making sure we model the same behaviours we expect of children and young people. Some of the media which young people consume, be it TV, movies, music or games, can show great examples of respectful relationships, whereas others can show the opposite. Have discussions with your child about these examples of disrespectful relationships and what they would do if they were put into those situations. For help on how to do this with current TV shows and movies, feel free to check out www.commonssensemedia.org.

Conflict resolution skills help us to overcome differences in ethical ways, without resorting to name calling, violence or bullying. It involves understanding our emotions, empathising with others and looking at the bigger picture. Much of what eventuates into cyber-bullying, harassment or sexual bullying starts with a conflict. We need to help children and young people develop skills to resolve conflict, and give them opportunities to practise these skills. Role-playing conflict scenarios can better prepare children and young people for real-life conflict.

We live in an incredibly diverse country, and when we use the internet, we are living in an even more diverse world. We will come across people who have different values, ethics, opinions and attitudes, but we can manage these interactions in a way that promotes a more positive co-existence.

Regina Tyson

School Based Youth Health Nurse Mansfield SHS (Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday A31)....Ph: 3452 5363

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 3 MARCH	Tuesday 4 MARCH	Wednesday 5 MARCH	Thursday 6 MARCH	Friday 7 MARCH
S. Charlton S. Smith	G. Redding	Agnis Lin	S. McKenzie Celine Moothedan	A. Weh J. Burns
Monday 10 MARCH	Tuesday 11 MARCH	Wednesday 12 MARCH	Thursday 13 MARCH	Friday 14 MARCH
L. Nicholson	C. Lowe	A. McKenzie	M. Mead Tamara Sexton	Y. Calligeros
Monday 17 MARCH	Tuesday 18 MARCH	Wednesday 19 MARCH	Thursday 20 MARCH	Friday 21 MARCH
M. Asmussen R. Tucker	K. Oliver	S. Rapisardi	L. Look Jenny Barr	M. Bucher M. Gunton
Monday 24 MARCH	Tuesday 25 MARCH	Wednesday 26 MARCH	Thursday 27 MARCH	Friday 28 MARCH
S. Philipps Sara Brown	L. Tippett I. Jones	May Qui	Belinda Measures	S. Edgeworth N. O'Shea

AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE - FOREST LAKE SQUADRON. [Head in the clouds?](#)

The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls of 8 years and over who are interested in aviation and associated subjects. Parade nights are held weekly and include marching, physical activities, aviation, meteorology, and aircraft building. Cadets regularly fly RC aircraft more their size through the skies, and inspect airfields, hangars and more on day outings, along with travelling further afield on overnight camps with other Squadrons. Specialist training and leadership courses are also available.

For more information about the Australian Air League Inc. and Forest Lake Squadron contact Chris Chandler 0421 578 641 or oc.forestlake@airleague.com.au. www.airleague.com.au

Mansfield Literary Festival

26 – 31 May



SHORT STORY & POETRY WRITING COMPETITION

To celebrate this year's *Mansfield Literary Festival* we are inviting budding wordsmiths from Year 8 to 12 to enter original poems and short stories and get the chance to have your work included in our first Literary Anthology.

For more details and registration, see **Ms Distor (A30)** or **Ms O'Sullivan (G02)** at Morning Tea or Lunch.

You may also inquire about the competition and word limits with the following teachers/ year coordinators:

Year 8—Mr Connell **Year 9—Mr Hanlon** **Year 10—Ms Smith**
Year 11—Ms Solah **Year 12—Mrs Bladin**

Entries must be submitted to Ms Distor (edist2@eq.edu.au) by

28 April 2014, 3pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 4 March 4-4 day	PANCAKE DAY at lunchtime Newsletter on website/hard copy TIP Leader Meeting 1.10pm (postponed to Thursday morning tea) 11 Early Childhood Excursion (LANIAN)
Wednesday 5 March	Per 1 Yr 8 Religion at church (roll mark on parade ground and go to church for whole session) SD Summer Round 4 / MAP Per 4 Intro to High School Maths 1-3pm OR 7-9pm for Parents in F Block QDU Debating Round 1 – Yrs 9 & 11
Thursday 6 March	Cross Country Training 7.20am Student Council 1.10pm in F Block Music Camp 1 Meeting in Hall at Morning Tea 11 Catering Excursion Group 2 Futsal State Titles
Friday 7 March	Music Camp 1: Fri 6.30am – 5.30pm Sun 10 Hospitality Studies Excursion (SHORPA) 12 Catering Excursion report
Monday 10 March	Cross Country Training 7.20am Vaccinations 8.45am Yr8 & 10 Males Rauchle Service Club 1.10pm postponed until next week Futsal State Titles
Tuesday 11 March	Environmental Council 1.10pm
Wednesday 12 March	SD Summer Round 5 / MAP Per 4
Thursday 13 March	Cross Country Training 7.20am Open Day No. 1 for Year 7 2015 9am-12 noon (hall and tour) - for OUT OF CATCHMENT students including Mansfield Primary OUT OF CATCHMENT students UQ Artist workshop (10xYr11 or 12s only)
Friday 14 March	Open Day No 1 for Year 8 2015 9am-12 noon (hall and tour) - for OUT OF CATCHMENT students including Mansfield Primary OUT OF CATCHMENT students Year 11 Legal Studies seminar (Per 2-3) Music in March Concert 6.30pm. ALL WELCOME. Gold coin entry. Futsal State Titles (Knock-out Day)
Monday 17 March	Cross Country Training 7.20am Rauchle Service Club 1.10pm
Tuesday 18 March	Newsletter on website/hard copy
Wednesday 19 March	SD Summer Round 6 / MAP Per 4 QDU Round 1 – Yr 8 and Senior A

FOSTER CARER INFORMATION SESSION

Ever thought of becoming a Foster Carer ?

6-7pm Wednesday 5 March 2014. Learn more about Support, Types of placements, Training & Assessment, Role of Carer, How & why children are in care.

FOSTER CARER PRESERVICE TRAINING

Saturday 22 March & 29 March 2014 9am-4pm

For more information about session or training please phone Donna on 3373 9450 or email donnan@kyabra.org before 1 March. All sessions held at Kyabra Community Association, Kyabra St Runcorn.

STOP PRESS

It is timely to remind families about the rules below.

STUDENT ABSENCE

1. A note from a parent or guardian in explanation of a student's absence must be presented to the Form Teacher **within two days** of returning to school. Except in special circumstances, failure to do so will result in a detention.
2. If a student is to **be absent for more than a couple of days**, the **parent needs to contact the relevant Deputy Principal** to discuss the absence.
3. If a student will be knowingly absent for assessment, it is school policy not to administer the test earlier.

If a student is absent, a note of explanation from the parent/guardian is to be brought **on the day the student returns to school** or at the latest on the following day. After this, an after school detention will be issued and parents will be advised of the date.

Obviously it is in the best interest of everyone that the detention does not occur. Your assistance with the process above is appreciated.

Parents are also advised that instead of a note, you may phone the ABSENCE line 3452 5306 and press 9 and leave a message stating:
Parent's name, Relationship to student, Student's name, SDP class, When absent, Reason
(eg Matt Smith, Father of Gail Jones in 10D, absent today & tomorrow, as she has bronchitis.)

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