FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As this newsletter goes to print, the Year 11 and Year 12 students will be in their exam block. I wish them well and hope that the commitment they have brought to their study now pays them a dividend. With effort come results, appears to be the moral of this story. All other year levels are now in a peak assessment period and I encourage all students to maintain their energy and commitment all the way through to the Easter break.

Interim reports will be distributed shortly and they will have a focus on progress, effort and behaviour. It is important information for parents and their children to get a sense of how they are progressing at this point in time. It is timely for parents to sit with your child and peruse the report looking for trends, points of interest and please find plenty of positive things to affirm your child’s progress. I would encourage all parents that, if there is a result/comment in a subject that looks anomalous, to seek clarification from the particular teacher. If a child is doing very well across all subjects except one, this should be a signal for a discussion with your child’s teacher. My advice is to firstly, look for trends and anomalies and analyse both, and secondly, to find plenty of reasons to encourage your child with positive reinforcement.

Keep shining!

STATE EDUCATION FEES SCHEME (previously known as STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME)

It is anticipated that the statements for students to participate in our school’s SCHEME will be available before the holidays. This scheme has been operating for a number of years and almost every family has participated in it. All parents are asked to wait until the statement is mailed to you. Payment dates and methods will be explained. 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 urged to wait for the statement.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2013

The Regional Final of the Lions Youth of the Year Award was held in Brisbane on Saturday 9 March with our School Captain, Sam Cree representing his Lions Zone and Mansfield High. There were six Zone winners in the competition and the standard of the competitors was extremely high. Sam was excellent and he was a wonderful ambassador for his Zone and our School. Unfortunately Sam did not get chosen to go forward to the District Final, but we are very proud of his achievement in reaching the Regional Finals. The topics chosen by the finalists for this Region included: Shakespeare Today, The Power of Young People, Freedom of Speech, Twenty Thirteen e-generation, Discovery and Cycle Safety. Well done Sam!

ENROLMENT - YEAR 8 2014

There are different processes for students who live in our enrolment catchment area compared with those students who live outside of this area. Already a number of applications for Year 8 in 2014 have been received. Group conferences with me begin this week for some students in the area. A different process also exists for students wishing to apply for our French Immersion programme and our Technologically Integrated Curriculum (TIC) classes. Some students may choose to apply because of their Music skills.

Anyone who lives in the area is encouraged to attend the next Open Day on Friday 19 April from 9am to 12noon, so that we have a better idea of how many places we have available for students from outside of the catchment area. Mansfield Primary and Wishart Primary School students are encouraged to attend on this day.

Anyone attending group conferences is reminded that the student and the parent are to be present and that all documentation and copies thereof need to be brought. The conferences occur in the top level of the Administration Block in the staff common room.

ASSESSMENT / ASSIGNMENT POLICY

This might be an opportune time for parents to discuss the Assessment/Assignment Policies with their students. It is included on Pages 12-15 of the Student Handbook. These policies need to be adhered to.
MID SEMESTER REPORTS
Mid-Semester One Reports will be issued to:

- Year 8 and 9 students on Tuesday 16 April during Form Meeting. On that evening, students are required to have their parent(s) sign the accompanying yellow sheet. On Wednesday 17 April students post the yellow sheet into the box outside the Lower Office. Reports need to be filed safely at home.
- Year 10 students’ mid-semester reports will be issued to students on Wednesday 17 April during Form Meeting. On Thursday 18 April students are to post the yellow report return sheet into the box outside the Lower Office.
- Year 11 and 12 students have a different report format. On the evening of Wednesday 17 April, students are to get the report signed by a parent and then return their actual report to Form Teachers on Thursday 18 April. The report is then viewed by the relevant Deputy Principal (Year 11 – Ms Peterson and Year 12 – Ms Clarke). The report is returned to the student on Friday 26 April. If parents are attending the Parent/Teacher/Student Night, they bring it with them. Reports are then glued immediately into the Student Handbook on Page38. If students prefer to keep the report safely at home, they may glue in a photocopy of the report.

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT NIGHTS
The format of our Parent/ Teacher/ Student Night will be as in previous years. Interviews will be held in F Block from 3.30pm until 7pm on the dates listed below. Parents are to make the bookings themselves by logging onto a site. Parents who have no access to a computer may come to our school to use a computer. The process will be explained in detail on the yellow sheet that your student will receive on the same day, as when the student receives his/her mid-semester report. If you have any difficulties, please phone the school, so that we may help you. It is vital that the timelines are adhered to. The evenings for the particular year levels are:

- Years 8, 9 and 10: Wednesday 24 April
- Years 11 and 12: Wednesday 1 May

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 Miss Sullivan, in D-Block, this week. Students who sit for these exams usually have the results credited towards their OP. 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 2013. Registration and payment is due by 30 April 2013.

YEAR 9 NAPLAN TESTS
NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy) tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May. Parents are asked to ensure that students bring the appropriate equipment (to be advised at a later date) and to be well rested.

Year 9 students will soon sit practice tests in the Hall. They are as follows:

- Tuesday 26 March Per 3 & 4 Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 27 March Per 1 Reading
- Thursday 28 March Per 1 & 2 Numeracy Non-calculator and Calculator

For more information, please view: http://www.naplan.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf

STUDENT HANDBOOK
Parents are asked to peruse your student’s Handbook on a weekly basis and to sign at the bottom of each page. Students should be writing SPECIFIC homework for each subject that they have that day. It might be something like: Revise Pages 34-37 of Science textbook on Energy; Read Ch4 of ‘Holes’ novel; Think about wood joining skills; Write 3 paragraphs on Ancient Egypt. This is not only vital for students’ learning, but it also provides information for parents to assist in the monitoring process.

Please also check that your student’s Handbook is free of graffiti, pictures, scribble etc. Thank you so much for your assistance.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY – THE TUCKWELL SCHOLARSHIP
The Tuckwell Scholarship is among the most generous scholarships in Australia. The Scholarship allows students to study a single or double undergraduate programme, including honours and vertical degrees across the range of disciplines offered at ANU. The 2014 Scholarship applications opened on Monday 4 March and closed on Tuesday 2 April 2013. These Scholarships are offered to Year 12 students of 2013 and those 2012 graduates undertaking a gap year in 2013. This will be the first intake of Tuckwell Scholarship winners and we would like to encourage our Year 12 students who may be interested in applying for one of these special scholarships to log on to the ANU website www.anu.edu.au/tuckwellscholarship or see the Guidance Officers for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity for 25 students each year to receive $20,000 per annum (increasing with inflation) for the length of their degree at The Australian National University.

ENGLISH NEWS
Writing Competition
Entry into the 2013 Schools Writing Competition is NOW OPEN! Visit www.write4fun.net for the rules and details of how to enter. Entry is FREE! Entries close 31 March 2013. Write on any topic, any theme, as a short story or poetry…just start WRITING!
Year 9 English Changes
The Year 9 English program will be changed slightly from your student's Semester Planner. The Comprehension test will now be a formative task at the end of the semester. The Speculative Fiction response due date will be extended until week beginning 29 April. This is to accommodate an exciting new Comprehension Program in Years 8 and 9 English that has been developed as part of student preparation for NAPLAN and to improve general comprehension skills.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS
The 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) will commence this year on Tuesday 21 May with the Computer Skills Test. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 electing to participate in the test will receive a certificate and an individual student report. These reports are useful in highlighting student strengths and areas for development. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW medal is awarded to the highest score in each year level in each State. Last year Mansfield SHS student Peter Truong was awarded the UNSW medal for Year 9.

Students are now able to prepare for ICAS and other skills based tests by visiting https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practiseicasonline. Past test papers are also available from Mrs Docherty in the IT staffroom.

All students interested in participating in the ICAS Computer Skills competition should return their permission slip to the lower office with $8 payment by 28 March. For more information please email Mrs Docherty on kdoch8@eq.edu.au.

LANGUAGES NEWS
Exchange Opportunity to Switzerland for Students of French in Year 11
Applications for the annual exchange program to Switzerland for Year 11 Students are now open. This exchange is for Year 11 students only and is sponsored and administered by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE). The cost is approximately $3400 (plus personal spending money) and is a reciprocal arrangement. The Swiss students will arrive in Brisbane on 26 July and depart on 28 September. The group of Queensland students will travel to Switzerland on 30 November and return on 22 January 2014. Applications close on 28 March and places are limited. Please contact Mrs Fryer scout13@eq.edu.au for more information.

Our Japanese Intern
Mansfield High has welcomed Ms Erika Maruo who has been our Japanese intern for the past month. She is a student at Nagoya University in Japan and is completing a degree Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language. During her time at the school, Erika has helped teachers with resource preparation and has participated in a variety of classes providing students with help with a number of skills, including their speaking skill. She has been a valuable addition to our Languages Department and we wish her all the very best for her future in promoting her language and culture.

LANGUAGES/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS
Australian Computational And Linguistics Olympiad
Congratulations are extended to our wonderful students Kwan Goddard-Lee, Joshua Monteith, Bethany Cave and Sam Cree who competed in this event and gained first place in Queensland out of 98 teams across the State. The competition now moves to the next round, the Nationals, which will be held on 26 March at Griffith University. We wish our Mansfield team all the best of luck as they work together to unravel linguistic problems on-line. Go Teal Team!

MUSIC NEWS
Congratulations to all of the senior music ensembles that performed so well at Music in March last Friday night. The hard work and dedication of the musicians and teachers was certainly evident in the performances. Thank you to all of the music teachers and supervising teachers who gave up their weekend to give the students the experience of Music Camp. It was a big week for you...music students and staff!

Reminder...
Music Camp 2 (May 10 - 12), Alexandra Park Conference Centre, Alexandra Headlands

- Ensembles involved - Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Museaus, String Orchestra, Cantus, Cantrice and Male Chorus
- Forms are available from outside the Music staffroom
- Camp forms and payment due no later than Wednesday 20 March.
Music Success Continues for Past Students

L to R: – Corrine Edgeworth (2011), Lachlan Weh (2011) and Tamara Peacock (2012). Congratulations to three Mansfield Music Alumni who recently received their AMEB diplomas for their chosen instruments. Corrine Edgeworth (Senior 2011) was awarded an AMusA (Flute) while her classmate, Lachlan Weh received his AMusA (Piano). 2012 Senior Tamara Peacock was awarded her LMusA (Piano) with Distinction. The LMusA (Piano) otherwise known as Licentiate Diploma in Music for Piano performance is the highest award available from the Australian Music Examinations Board for Music performance. Congratulations everyone!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Change of TIME for future P&C Meetings

Following discussion at the first General meeting of the P&C for 2013, the decision was made to begin all future meetings of the P&C at the earlier time of 7pm. The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 28 March at 7pm in the Common Room.

Bookshop – Feedback Requested

The P&C requested that parents and students purchase books via the school book supplier’s website for the current year. We are currently seeking feedback as to what your experience in using this system was. Is there anything we can do to improve this service or do you have any other constructive feedback. Please forward all such feedback to llook3@eq.edu.au.

Volunteers Needed!

The Resource Centre is in need of volunteers to supervise the collection of mobile phones each afternoon between 2.50pm and 3.15pm. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Holley 3452 5337 with your availability. Parents who usually collect students after school may be able to assist the school in this way…please!

Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who collected stickers and supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion in 2012. This week was like Christmas as we unpacked a number of boxes full of new maths and science resources. These resources will no doubt be put to good use supporting the learning of your students.

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB

Students and teachers alike enjoyed the pancakes, ice cream, maple syrup and soft drink on offer at Pancake Day this year. Hundreds of members of the school community selflessly braved the sugar rush to help the Rauchle Service Club raise valuable funds to support their regular charities. This year the day raised an impressive $1400. The profits will be used to pay the sponsorship of our overseas student Lauren and to send one child to the 4KQ Special Children’s Christmas Party. Any left over money will go into our general fund to be distributed to other charities such as Guide Dogs Queensland and the Mater Children’s Hospital later in the year. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a success, especially Mrs Jell who helped us make all the batter and Chappy Ben who supervised the cooking.

STOP PRESS: UNIFORM SHOP

1. Winter uniform items/orders are available from the Uniform Shop now. Please collect and check the size. Exchanges of perfect items are possible. Please name items before they are worn.
Unpredictable weather meant that Clean Up Australia Day at Mansfield High had to be postponed by a week but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Environmental Council members who turned out to help last Friday. Armed with pick-up sticks and collection bags, the green army took to the school grounds in search of rubbish. The great news is that the students of Mansfield High are getting the message about litter as this year only two bags of rubbish in total were collected.

You have the power to conserve!

This year the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has estimated a 21.4% rise in the cost of electricity. With the increasing cost of electricity added to electricity bills, here are some tips to start reducing our electricity consumption at home:

1. Turn off electric appliances that aren't used at the wall instead of leaving them on standby
2. If using the air conditioner, turn it to 24°C and close all curtains, blinds, windows and doors to keep the heat out
3. Consider using the fan instead of the air conditioner (fans use 85% less energy than air conditioners)
4. Turn off the light switch when you leave a room

Students please also help the school to reduce its electricity usage! Remember to:
1. Turn off computer monitor screens after using them
2. Switch off lights and fans at the end of lessons

The money saved from electricity wasted in our school can be better used in funding chosen school items.

By Victor Ma (Writer for the Environmental Council)

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| EASTER VACATION...Students return on MONDAY 15 April. | | | |

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**Gold Medal Performances**

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**Etienne and Elodie Rousseau** compete at high level gymnastics events on a regular basis. They train 5 hours per day (30 hrs per week).

In 2012, Elodie created a great following while representing the dance group Odyssey in Australia’s Got Talent, reaching the Finals.

Etienne competes in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics, coming 1st in 2010! Following this he moved to Sports Acrobatics aiming for National selection, where Elodie has come 3rd.

Both will be vying for a World Championship win later this year!

**Metropolitan East SWIMMING Results**

Congratulations for the following students who were selected to represent Met East in the State Championships next week:

- Delaney Ronan
- Joe Chen
- Alicia Kane
- Ryan Magee
- Taylor Mitchell
- Kieran Player
- Jake Ross
- Temika Smith
- Caitlin Wendt

**Dates to Remember**

- **School Cross-Country** – first week back in Term 2; Tuesday 16 April in periods 1 and 2
- **Lions Cup AFL** – Rescheduled due to rain to 30 April and 7 May

**Futsal State Championships!**

Mr Austen, Mr Pradella and former student, Daniel Sciaccia, have been training intensely over past weeks in preparation for the knock-out Futsal Championships. Congratulations to the girls under 14, 16 and 19 teams which made the knock-out stage of the tournament, and to the under 14 boys who made the round of 16.

**BIG NEWS!**

This Friday 22 March at 10:30am, the Under 13 Boys FUTSAL team will compete in the Grand Final of the State titles Futsal tournament.

The team has competed brilliantly so far and deserves its place in the final.

Best of luck boys!!!

**Player Profile**

**Delaney Ronan**

- **Born:** 10 January 1997
- **Star sign:** Capricorn
- **Fav Music:** Pop
- **Fav Food:** Thai Salad
- **Fav holiday spot:** Vanuatu
- **Family:** Mum, Dad and younger brother.

Delaney Ronan is a Swimming Champion who became a Teal team member in 2012. Delaney trains eight times a week which includes three mornings where she gets up at 4.30am! Her best result was 2nd at the Nationals in the 400m Individual Medley. Delaney is working towards her goal of representing Australia at the Olympics in Rio in 2016. She is a member of the U Thant house. Delaney also represented Mansfield High in the All-Schools Touch Championships in 2012!
SEMINAR FOR PARENTS…Want to raise a champion?

Our school’s Chaplain, Ben Cherry, has organised: a Seminar for Parents

• on Wednesday 27 March at 7pm
• in the Mansfield High School Hall
• at a cost of $10 per person or $15 per couple.

This seminar features a world class counsellor and communicator, Peter Janetzki who is speaking about Raising Champions. Peter is highly recognised and regarded within the counselling community. He runs a thriving counselling practice, conducts school seminars in primary schools and high schools and hosts a radio show called Talking Life which is aired to over 200 stations in Australia. He is passionate about relationships and building strong families that last a lifetime. There will also be food and drink available to purchase on the night. This seminar is for every parent of every size family who would like to give their children the best opportunities possible. Why not register today?

For more information please contact Ben our school’s Chaplain on 3452 5361 or email bcher19@eq.edu.au.

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