MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mansfield has an enviable reputation for quality learning and high expectations in behaviour, presentation and performance! This starts with how students see themselves within the Mansfield High School community and finishes with their academic performance. Everything else along the way plays a role in contributing to this. This includes their participation in school life and contribution to the school.

There are many sign posts as to how this is occurring. One of the many is student presentation! If a child feels good about themselves, they have made a significant start to success. Adolescents, as they develop their self-identity, can tend to adopt the symbols or totems of youth culture they feel will enable them to feel as though they fit in. That is why we see emerging trends in fashion, hairstyles, sayings, fads (remember the yoyo?) come and go so quickly in this age group.

As a school and as parents we have a role to play in ensuring that they feel part of the Mansfield High School community. One of our symbols of this is the uniform! I appreciate the support and effort that parents take to ensure that their child is wearing the uniform and, importantly, are wearing it well.

Additionally, in the coming weeks, parents will receive a form that is our record of each student’s personal details. As parents move and change contact details, it is important that the school is advised immediately of these changes. When you receive the Student Personal Details Form, each parent is asked to please check the details carefully, make changes in BLUE PEN and have the student return the sheet to the Form Teacher.

Finally, very shortly parents will also receive a statement outlining outstanding fees owed to the school. These needs to be paid to enable the school to provide the high quality programs that are on offer for each child to participate in.

Keep shining!

TJ RYAN MEMORIAL MEDAL AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2013

Corneels de Waard, our 2012 School Captain and an OP1 recipient, has been recognised as one of Queensland’s elite students after being awarded the prestigious TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarship for 2013. Of over 48,000 students who graduated from Queensland’s state and non-state schools in 2012, only five students received this honour, which recognises academic excellence and an outstanding contribution to both the school and the community. The TJ Ryan medallists also receive a bursary of up to $10,000 over five years whilst they are completing their undergraduate degrees. Corneels is very well known in the Mansfield High School community for his commitment to excellence in all areas of his school life whether it be in the classroom, on the sporting field, serving others or playing in the Orchestra. This year Corneels is taking a gap year, spending his time working, volunteering and travelling, before beginning University in 2014. Congratulations Corneels! We are all very proud of you and your achievements.

SENIOR FORMAL

The evening of the 2013 Senior Formal followed months of preparation. The Prefects had decided on the theme. Invitations had been delivered. Students’ outfits had been ordered; travel and grooming arrangements had been made; the dancing lessons had occurred; expectations were clear; many discussions had been had. All that remained was the event itself! On 10 May, 292 stunning Mansfield High students braved the Friday night traffic and emerged from various vehicles to grace the Brisbane Convention Centre. They were sooooooo excited. It was a delight! The event was one of glamour, glitz, class and ongoing excitement. Congratulations to the Seniors of 2013 on a wonderful occasion and may you treasure the many great memories of the evening spent with your friends and colleagues at your Senior Formal. Thank you also to staff who assisted with and at the event. Now it is… BACK TO WORK…

In this Newsletter are some photos of the evening. Students have access to many others taken by the professional photographers, in addition to others on our school’s student common drive. Thanks for the memories! It was a thrilling evening!
YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK

Exam block for YEAR 12 students commences on WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE AND FINISHES ON FRIDAY 14 JUNE. Monday 17 June and Tuesday 18 June will be QCS practice exams for Year 12 students. Exam block for YEAR 11 students commences on FRIDAY 7 JUNE AND FINISHES ON TUESDAY 18 JUNE. On Wednesday 12 June, there will be no MAP and exams have been scheduled for Year 11s and Year 12s on this day. From Thursday 6 June until Tuesday 18 June, the whole school will be working a two session day with a break from 11.20am to 12.30pm each day so students should ensure that they have a big healthy breakfast on these days. Conditions of study leave are on the permission sheet to be signed by the student and their parent. All students MUST attend MAP on Wednesday 5 June, unless they have a medical certificate.

YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations will take place on THURSDAY 6 JUNE in PERIOD 1 for Year 8 male and female students and Year 10 male students who returned their signed Consent Forms at the beginning of the year. The Year 8 immunisation is Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Dose 2 of 3 and Varicella (Chicken Pox) Dose 1 of 1. The Year 10 immunisation is Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Dose 2 of 3.

DRAMA NEWS

Sundowner

On 16 April 2013, the year eleven Drama students attended the production of Sundowner at the QUT Gardens Point Theatre. This production was devised by KAGE theatre company in conjunction with Alzheimer’s Australia. It tells the heart wrenching tale of Peggy, a grandmother who is struck down with Alzheimer’s disease. Her daughter features in the play as they swap roles becoming her mother’s carer. The production innovatively used a blend of dance and drama, with some contemporary dance and the Lovely Ladies, elderly dancers from the Tivoli Theatre. They were used to explore Peggy’s thoughts and memories. This is known as dance-theatre, a style for which KAGE theatre company is well known. The students greatly enjoyed this dynamic performance and have written a review as their assessment.

Drama Camp

On Friday 3 May, 60 excited Year Ten, Eleven and Twelve Drama students boarded the bus to Alexandra Headlands for the inaugural Drama Camp. The students began with some icebreakers so they could get to know each other. It was at this point that the teachers really had an idea of what a truly talented group we had taken. We then moved onto improvisation and Realism, which again impressed the teachers. Some free time was followed by the Cinematic Theatre workshop, the camp favourite. Friday night consisted of Physical Theatre which was another highlight and the students were asked to remain totally focussed for two hours which was another challenge to which they rose. The students awoke to a beautiful morning and some chose to participate in an early morning beach walk. The students continued their hard work and completed their last workshops, exploring the ways in which they could add Physical Theatre to Realism.

IT NEWS

Information Technology News

QUT Partnership

Mansfield SHS has committed to partner with QUT as part of an exciting new project to extend the links between secondary and tertiary students and deliver high quality technology learning experiences to students. It is envisaged that some of these opportunities will be centred around The Cube – a new world class technology learning centre that opened on February 28, 2013.

The Cube is one of the world’s largest digital interactive learning and display spaces dedicated to providing an inspiring, explorative and participatory experience of QUT’s Science and Engineering research. Soaring across two storeys of the centre, the Cube is designed to support interactive displays of research projects using advanced digital technology, including 14 high-definition projectors, over 40 multi-touch screens and sound technology. The Cube is open for visitors daily from 10am to 4pm (Mon-Sun) at the Science and Engineering Centre, Gardens Point campus, 2 George St, Brisbane. There are also regular STEM events open to the public. Visit http://www.thecube.qut.edu.au/whatson/ for more information. An example of The Cube’s upcoming events is the Talking Robots sessions outlined on the next page.
Talking Robots
Diving Into Exploration With Underwater Robots
WHEN: Thurs 23 May 2013 – 6-7pm
WHERE: QUT Gardens Point campus, Science and Engineering Centre
(P Block), Level 5, Room 502
COST: Free, no bookings required

Robots That Fly
WHEN: Thurs 15 August 2013 – 6-7pm
WHERE: QUT Gardens Point campus, Science and Engineering Centre
(P Block), Level 5, Room 502
COST: Free, no bookings required

Game Training Roadshow
The Game Training Roadshow held after school at Mansfield SHS on Thursday 2 May was a huge success with many students excited by the new opportunities they now have to become the game developers of the future. Students who attended the event are now capable of creating their own world class games using commercial quality 3D worlds, characters and vehicles provided by the presenter, Jeff Ayling, to participants. Students are encouraged to upload their creations to the Game Training Arcade for a chance to win an iPad for themselves and the school. They can visit gametraining.com.au or see Mrs Docherty for details of how to enter.

MUSIC NEWS

MUSIC IN MAYFEST
The Jazz Event

There is still time to buy tickets for the Jazz Event to be held this Friday 24 May at 7pm in the School Assembly Hall. Tickets for the Jazz Event must be pre-purchased online through the school website between 13 May and 23 May only. The admission price ($13 Adults & $9 Concession) includes savouries, tea and coffee. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

SCIENCE NEWS
Chemistry tutorials are held in S04 on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00pm. Bring along any questions you would like to pose or work through.

GUIDANCE NEWS
On Wednesday 1 May, 30 students from Years 10, 11, 12 attended the Allied Health Career Forum held at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. The day was an opportunity for students to find out more about careers in the allied health industry (eg occupational therapy, nutrition and dietetics, pharmacy, social work, etc.). After exploring a variety of stalls ranging from higher education stalls to hands-on stalls about allied health careers, students sat in an interactive forum with representatives from a range of careers at the PA hospital. For some students, this forum confirmed their chosen career pathway and for other students, this day opened their eyes to other career choices.
COMMUNITY NEWS
The Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held this Thursday 23 May at 7pm in the Common Room. Please note – there was no meeting in April due to the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Thank you!
We received an email from Verrity Hardy, the Chaplain at Mansfield State School, wishing to thank the Mansfield High Year 10 Music Extension class, along with their supervisors, Julie Elvery and Marg Overs, for their performance at the Mothers’ Day Morning Tea last Monday morning. Verrity said, “We really appreciated their talented contribution to the event!”

Rauchle Service Club

Mansfield SHS Guinness World Record Challenge

Friday 21 June 2013

Largest Game of Musical Statues


WANTED URGENTLY: Musical Statues stewards … Can You HELPPP? Aghhhhh! Please???

Do you know someone who could act as a steward for the event? A colleague, neighbour, friend… Stewards would need to be available between the hours of 10.30am and 1pm on Friday 21 June. We need at least 40 stewards, but they cannot be related to our students. They need to be independent of the school, the event organisers and participants. If you know someone who fits the bill, please contact Mrs Sue Holley 3452 5337 or email sholl143@eq.edu.au.

A sponsorship opportunity…

Under the guidelines set out by Guinness World Records, there is a number of requirements that must be fulfilled when challenging a current record. The first of these is the wearing of sequentially numbered arm bands to ensure accurate counting and the second is to have clearly marked areas for each group of 50 students. To purchase the arm bands and the barricade tape required, it will cost the Rauchle Service Club approximately $260. To ensure that they are raising as much money as possible for Guide Dogs Queensland and the Mater Children’s Hospital, the Rauchle members would like to ask for your support. If your family or your business would like to sponsor any part of this expense, we would love to hear from you. All sponsors will be mentioned in the newsletter. If you would like to help, please contact Mrs Sue Holley on 3452 5337 or email sholl143@eq.edu.au.

Wishart Rotary – Book Sale – Saturday and Sunday 25 and 26 May – Mt Gravatt Show Grounds

The Wishart Rotary Club’s $2 book sale is on again this weekend! Rauchle Service Club members give 2 hours to assist the Rotarians to pack up the unsold books on Sunday afternoon. This is a huge job and our assistance is essential to the success of the event. If you are available to help with the Sunday afternoon pack up between 2 – 4 pm, please contact Mrs Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au.

Mt Gravatt Challenge

The inaugural Mt Gravatt Challenge hosted by the Rotary Club of Mt Gravatt will be held on 2 June 2013 giving members of the community the opportunity to challenge themselves against the Mountain while supporting a great cause. The walking/jogging/running course starts at the base of Mt Gravatt Mountain on Shire Road and rises 132 metres over a distance of 1.5 kilometres. All proceeds from this fundraising event will go to support the local branch of Meals on Wheels. For more information or online registration, please visit www.mountgravattchallenge.com.au

ATTENTION ALL WOOLWORTHS SHOPPERS!!

Mansfield High is once again taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From Monday 8 April to Sunday 9 June 2013, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that earn the school Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths, you will receive a sticker (1 point). Ask your student to drop them in the collection box in the lower office and we will take it from there. The more points we earn, the more educational resources we receive! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Holley 3452 5333. Pictured are some of the resources we received last year! Only a month remains to earn stickers! Please help!
Chaplaincy Day
The Best Day Ever
It’s 11:24am on Friday 3 May and excitement is filling the air. Students lie in wait on this 4/4 day for the final minute as the clock is about to strike 11:25am and the mega lunch break begins. The sound of the bell echoes throughout the school. The cheers of the students can be heard from the streets of Logan. The atmosphere is electric. The joy is contagious. What could this day be? Was it Julia Gillard? Was it the UK boy band ‘One Direction’ paying us a visit? Or was it the Channel 7 Helicopter on the school sports oval? It was none of these, although one student described it as the ‘best day ever’. It was unforgettable. It was better than expected. It was loud. It was fun. It was Chaplaincy Day.

What an amazing time Chaplaincy Day was this year at Mansfield High School. The best thing about it was not the food and drink stalls, although the fairy floss was a big hit. It was not the basketball games, lollies or even the 14m inflatable obstacle course. The best thing about Chaplaincy Day was the incredible support from the students and wider community. We had 160 student volunteers and 15 adult volunteers involved in setting up, running stalls and cleaning up all the leftovers. Thank you to the families who donated chocolate as prizes for the day. We had so much fun. We even had an incredibly talented band playing on the day.

I would like to thank all of the students and their parents for their generosity and involvement in the day. Without your support, this day would not be possible! We raised much needed funds for Chaplaincy at Mansfield High School. Your support enables me to give support and make a positive difference to the lives of young people.

I would like to also recognise the following businesses that sponsored us with products for the event: Fruits of Life - Garden City, Mr Meaty - Wishart shopping village, Kidtainment, Red Frogs Australia, She Rescue Home, 96.5 Family Radio and Vertec Adventure.

Thank you to the whole Mansfield High School community. It is an honour and privilege to be your Chaplain.

Ben Cherry
Mansfield High School Chaplain

Chaplaincy Drive 2013!
Each year in the weeks leading up to the end of financial year, the school gives parents and community members the opportunity to support the vital work performed by our Chaplain, Ben Cherry. Letters regarding our Chaplaincy Drive went home with every student last week and a copy of it can be found at the end of this newsletter. The form and your donation can be left at the Upper or Lower Office.

All donations over $2 are tax deductible and they must be received by the school before Thursday 20 June 2013 to ensure they are processed before the end of the financial year. Thank you for your support!

Canteen Roster

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School Based Service
Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 at Mansfield State High are eligible for the free dental care program at Yeronga School Dental Clinic, 150 Park Road, Yeronga. If you wish your child to be seen, please contact Yeronga Dental Clinic on 3249 1100 Monday to Friday 8 am until 4 pm by Friday 5 July 2013. If your child has a TEEN DENTAL VOUCHER, please bring this with you to the appointment.

PREPARING FOR THE FORMAL

AND THE BIG DAY FINALLY ARRIVES…
Winter interschool sport
Mansfield High has 36 teams competing in the South District Competition. Last week we played Clairvaux Mackillop College for 22 wins and 14 loses.

Round 1
Rugby league year 10 won 20-10
Netball year 8A and B won
Soccer open boys won 2-1

Interschool sport round 2 versus Cavendish Rd (boys travel): 22 May
Metropolitan Semi Finals: 23 May
Athletics carnival: 18 July

Sydney O’Reilly is one of our young, up and coming sports stars rising through the Mansfield High ranks. Sydney competes in Netball, Triathlon, Swimming, and Cross Country and has been quite successful already in her sporting career.

She is currently in the Queensland Triathlon Team and will represent Mansfield High at the Regional Cross Country in the coming weeks. Keep up the great work Sydney!

Sydney O’Reilly
Starsign: Aries
Fav Food: Chocolate
Fav Holiday spot: Rockhampton

District Finals
The Open Boys Cricket team has had a rich streak of success over the last few years which is continuing in 2013 with the team smashing their way into the Metropolitan Finals.

Round 2 of the finals was a memorable day for the school with big-hitting Andrew Booth blasting his way to an unbeaten century which saw the team score a resounding 213 run victory over Boondall State High School.

The team was equally impressive in its semi-final against Wavell SHS. Brendan Adams scored a half century in the team’s dominant victory. Congratulations boys!
Dear Parent/Guardian

Mansfield High School is extremely fortunate to have a full-time Chaplain, Ben Cherry. Ben has been our Chaplain since 2009 and he has proven to be an incredible support for students, families and staff members alike. Ben is available to all members of our Mansfield school community regardless of race or creed. He is always ready to provide a listening ear and is a caring presence for those struggling or in need. Ben also organises positive, fun activities and programmes for our students and works hard to foster a supportive, caring school community. He is a true friend to all and a superb role model for our students. His enthusiasm and energy are boundless.

Each year parents and community members are given the opportunity to support the vital work performed by Ben. Currently this position is financed by the Federal Government for two days per week and by our School and the wider community for three days per week. If you would like to help us keep Ben at our School, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it with your donation to the Upper Office. All donations over $2 are tax deductible and they must be received by the school before Thursday 20 June 2013 to ensure they are processed before the end of the financial year.

Thank you for helping us to keep Ben (our gentle giant with a gigantic heart) at Mansfield High.

Sue Holley
Community Liaison Officer

James Sloman
Principal

MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Please help to keep CHAPLAINCY at our school.

(NB Donations over $2 are tax deductible – Receipts will be issued.)

Donor’s Name: ________________________________

Student’s Name: ________________________________

Donor’s Address: ____________________________________________________________

Please tick □ Cash □ Cheque □ Credit Card

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Senior Formal
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Year 8 Art – 8M

Sammy Huang

Ling Feng Yang

Wesley Ngu

Naomi Hope

Nicole Schuster

Xania Wu

Matthew Zhong

Justine Newland
Thank you so much 8M (and Ms Stuart) for sharing your art work! It is STUNNING!!!