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22 May 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We were filled with pride and honour watching our students participate in the Fun Run with the theme "When I Grow Up". Olympians, scientists making new discoveries, great contributors to society all start somewhere. Mansfield students dare to dream big, think creatively and emulate the “have a go” attitude that will carry our students into adulthood.

Making sure they get to adulthood is our collaborative duty of care – parents and the school. From the time they leave home in the morning in their Mansfield uniform until they arrive home we will continue to ask our students to be worthy ambassadors of our school. This includes using crossings or lights as cars have difficulty seeing a student running across in an unexpected part of a busy road.

Parents please drop students in the designated areas and do not stop on the yellow lines. Students should not be leaving the school grounds once they have arrived at school nor should they be stopping at shopping centres or fast food outlets on the way to and from school.

Parents please support and help us in these safety measures to ensure your child can be that Olympian, scientist and great contributor in the community when they grow up.

Keep shining!

MOBILE PHONE REMINDER

Parents, we are seeking your support with regard to mobile phones. It is vital to the smooth running of the school that students do not have mobile phones in their possession at school during school hours. When it is necessary for a student to bring a mobile phone, students can deposit them at the Resource Centre on arrival (from 8am) and can collect them from the Resource Centre on departure. This is the same situation for students during exam block and entering the school at times outside the norm. As you are aware, any students found with a mobile phone in their possession will be suspended.

It would really be appreciated if parents could continue to reinforce this message with students at home.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The school has a duty of care to all students and all students have a responsibility to be a worthy ambassador for the school. Therefore under no circumstances, for the students' own safety, should students leave the school grounds at any time during the day, including the mornings once they have been dropped at school. This is of particular concern with the opening of a new fast food outlet in the school area. Students must also realise that when they are in their school uniform they are representing the school, so they should also not be congregating at this venue after school.

ROAD SAFETY

Unfortunately, we still have parents/family dropping off students at the incorrect place at school, thus placing members of our school community in danger. Please do not: enter driveways; enter school grounds; stop on yellow lines; or stop on private property such as the church car park. Also, please encourage students to cross at the lights or pedestrian crossing, not through the traffic. Council officers will soon be at the school to issue fines. Apparently stopping on a yellow line will cost $100.

MESSAGES

Parents/Guardians are requested to phone the school with a message for a student in an emergency situation only. This will ensure the efficient running of our school of over 1600 students. Day to day matters such as where to collect students need to be discussed prior to students arriving at the school in the morning. Parents bringing items left at home to school for students such as lunches, forms or sports items, must be a rare occurrence. Messages for students may only be passed on from parents or guardians.
HAPPY P &C DAY: FRIDAY 25 MAY
This Friday 25 May 2012 is P&C Day! Mansfield High School would like to officially recognise the amazing contribution that our Parents and Citizens’ Association has made to our school community over many years. Thank you to all P&C members, both past and present, for your tireless, voluntary efforts. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Thank You

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2012 - VOLUNTEERS - EVERY ONE COUNTS
National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 6 million Australians who volunteer. Mansfield High would like to pay tribute to all of the parents and friends who donate their time and energy to help out in our wonderful school. Thanks!

FUN RUN - Tuesday 22 May, 2012 - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

The annual FUN RUN is upon us! Yes, the 6th week of term is here and students have been registering with the Fun Run Committee before school every day for the past few weeks. The Family Concession Cards have been well received and many thanks to all members of the Senior Fun Run Committee for their time, dedication and expertise in preparing our students for this magical day - Jonathan Margetts; Natasha Jarrett; Emmalyn Nicholson; Alex Barr; Matt Pickham; Emmelie Seidler-Bromley; Jess Leech; Emma Frommolt.

Once they pay, the students receive a receipt in the form of a wristband in the ‘Olympic Year’ colours of Green & Gold. Our Motto of “Go the Mile-That’s our Style” reflects our spirit to be involved and students are already getting their costumes ready to show what they want to be “...when I grow up!” Schedule for the day: Students will attend normal classes up to period 3b. Then, students will have lunch from 12.30-1.00pm. Students have the opportunity to get dressed in their costumes and then ALL students who have registered are to be on the oval for the 2012 Fun Run. Students will complete Activity Stations trying to win tickets in the draw. Following the Fun Run, students will move to the hall for the final draw of the Best Dressed and Lap Meister award winners. The day will end with roll marking and dismissal. Students who have won tickets for the bus will collect a permission form for them (and their friend – 2 seats) to attend Wet’n’Wild on Thursday 27 July 2012. Thank you for your continued support of our major fundraiser.

ENGLISH NEWS
PCYC presents Fascinate – Young Writers Festival 2012
- Free writing Competition for young people 8 -18 years
- Categories – Poetry, Short Story
- For more information or to receive an information pack, please visit www.mtgravattpcyc.org.au
- Entries close 22 June.
RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Readers Cup
The South Brisbane Regional Readers Cup competition has begun in earnest. The Mansfield Bookworms team members for 2012 are: Justin Dong, Michaela Brady, Alexandra Radke, Rebecca Le and Prisca Ochan. Alexandra and Rebecca provide experience to the team as they were part of the runner-up team from last year. Good luck to the whole team as they read through the following novels as part of their preparations.

- Flood by Jackie French
- Theodore Boone by John Grisham
- Just A Girl by Jane Cato
- Shadow by Michael Morpurgo
- Alone: Chasers by James Phelan

In addition to reading these books, the students can submit a book trailer for one of the books. This is a new and exciting component to the competition. The Regional Competition will be held at Cavendish Road State High School on June 19 and promises to be a fun-filled and competitive evening.

LOTE NEWS

Education Week
Parents and family members are invited to observe a French or Japanese language class during the week beginning Monday 21 May, which is Education Week. This is an opportunity to see how your son or daughter learns a language and to be part of the class. A letter has been given to your student, so simply complete the tear-off slip to be handed in to the language class teacher. So come along and see how well your son or daughter handles language learning!

Japanese Exchange in September Holidays 2013
Students who will be studying Japanese in 2013 have been surveyed for a possible Japanese exchange trip next year. To make this trip a definite possibility, a group of 18 students must commit to the exchange so that the costs are kept to a minimum. Two teachers would accompany the group on the 10 day exchange. Expression of interest letters have been distributed to Japanese classes.

New Caledonian Exchange In 2013
Our school has been approached by an international school in Nouméa, New Caledonia to start a reciprocal exchange beginning in 2013. This exchange would run for two weeks during a school holiday period and would be run every second year. Expression of interest letters have been distributed to French classes.

MUSIC NEWS

After much speculation and heated debate amongst the student body, it has been announced that the musical this year will be THE WIZARD OF OZ. Rehearsals are underway and the public performances will be held on the 16, 17 and 18 August. This week is a very busy week for the Music Department!

Music in May Concert 1 – Wednesday 23 May starting at 6pm
Ensembles involved - Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Stage Band, Orchestra, Sinfonia, Museaus, Cantus, Cantabile, Male Chorus, Percussion Too

Fanfare Music Festival (district heats) – Thursday 24 May during the day

Music in May Concert 2 – Friday 25 May starting at 6pm
Ensembles involved - Symphonic Winds, Chamber Winds, Camerata, String Orchestra, Big Band, Combo, Percussion Ensemble, Celtic Strings, Brass Ensemble, Chorale, Cantrice

Brisbane Brass – an opportunity…
Brisbane Brass is looking for cornet players and percussionists to join the ensemble in the lead up to the State Championships. If you are interested in joining, even if it is for a short while, please call Shannon 0424 427 629.

Australian Youth Orchestra – 2013 Season
Applications for the 2013 season of the Australian Youth Orchestra are now open for aspiring musicians, composers, arts administrators and music journalists aged 12 – 30. You can apply by visiting www.ayo.com.au or see Mrs Long for more information. Applications close on Friday 8 June.

2012 SunWater and Stanwell Winter Music School
Southern Cross Soloists are once again conducting the SunWater and Stanwell Winter Music School in Rockhampton from July 1-7 2012. Queensland secondary students will have the chance to share their passion for music and work with some of Australia’s finest instrumental teachers as they participate in rehearsals and performances in large ensembles, chamber music groups and choir. For an application form or more information please see Mrs Long.
GUIDANCE NEWS

Year 12 Students
Scholarships - All students hoping to go to university in 2013 should be checking the university websites for scholarships. (You don’t need to be OP1 to gain some scholarships!) Some scholarship applications need to be completed at the same time as university applications (ie. by 30 September).

University of NSW offers a range of scholarships, including the prestigious Co-op Scholarships (set up by leading companies), valued at $16,750 p.a. for 3, 4 or 5 years tax free and includes industry experience in your chosen profession in a range of fields, leadership development and mentoring. Visit www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au or www.co-op.unsw.edu.au

Future Study Options – Open Days And Expos
Check the listed websites for programs, maps and information:

- Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2012 Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO), Brisbane, 10am - 4pm. FREE ADMISSION!!
- 29 July QUT – Open Day (Kelvin Grove Campus 9am-3pm) http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day.
- 5 August University of Qld (UQ) – Open Day (St Lucia) 9am-3pm http://www.uq.edu.au/openday/8 August (Ipswich) 2.30pm-6.30pm/19 August (Hatton) 9.30am-3pm.

Year 11 Students - Fabulous Opportunity
Would you like to spend a week living in a residential college at The University of Queensland, networking with other secondary students from Australia and the rest of the world, experiencing university life, developing skills in public speaking and leadership and refining career goals? The CHRYSLIS Program is for you!! The Program is open to 40 students and is run on the St Lucia Campus (accommodation at Emmanuel College) for one week, 9-16 December. The cost for the week is $1200, however, six bursaries are available covering the whole cost of the week: accommodation, meals and conference fee. Entry to CHRYSLIS and the bursaries is competitive, so start planning NOW; check the website, make an appointment with the guidance officers, download the application form from CHRYSLIS.foundationyear.com. Applications close 5pm, 7 September 2012.

Parent Support
This program is a parenting skills course designed to resolve teenage behaviour problems. A one day program is available for parents and carers on Sunday 27 May from 9am to 4pm at Morningside State School. The program includes developing skills for handling tough conversations when dealing with teenage problems which can’t be ignored. The course costs $99 for one parent/carer or $189 for two parents/carers. Please contact Bulimba Psychology to register and pay for this course on 07 3899 1455 or info@bulimbapsychology.com.au

Building Emotional Intelligence and Resilience in Children
This program provides a learning group for parents to be held at Kyabra Community Association, Kyabra Street, Runcorn on Wednesday 30 May from 7pm-9pm. Please RSVP by Friday 25 May to Trish on 3373 9435 or email trishl@kyabra.org or Pat on 3344 1488 or email patm@kyabra.org. If numbers are low, training will be cancelled.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C Meeting - Date Clarifier. Thursday 24 May 7.30pm in the Administration Block Common Room. All are welcome to attend.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Chaplaincy Day (photo montage at end of Newsletter)
On Friday 4 May, Mansfield State High School celebrated Chaplaincy Day by raising much needed funds for school chaplain, Ben Cherry. Ben has been at our school since 2009 providing pastoral care, emotional and spiritual support to students. Ben is always taking part in school life, organizing mentoring programs, lunchtime activities and supporting various clubs and societies throughout the school. Chaplaincy Day 2012 will most definitely be something to remember. Thanks to the 80 volunteers who pitched in to help sell ice-creams, slushies, fairy floss, cold drinks and sausage sizzles to the students. 96.5 Radio gave out freebies, and we were also granted a special visit by member for Mansfield, the Honourable Ian Walker. Over $3000 was raised, and Ben and his helpers were extremely happy with how the day turned out. "It surpassed all my expectations," the 'Happy Chappy' beamed.

By Emma Payne
Writer for the Rauchle Service Club

Chaplaincy Drive
Each year in Term 2, the school gives parents and community members the opportunity to support the vital work performed by our Chaplain, Ben Cherry. If you would like to financially support the Chaplaincy program, please print and complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and forward it along with your donation to the Upper or Lower Office. All donations of $2 or more are tax deductible and a receipt for income tax purposes will be forwarded to you before the end of the Financial Year. Thank you for your support.
ATTENTION ALL WOOLWORTHS SHOPPERS!!

This year Mansfield High will be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From Wednesday 9 May until 1 July 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker which can be collected on a special sticker card. Once your card is completed, your student can simply drop it in the collection box in the lower office or you can drop it into your local Woolworths collection box at the front of the store. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Holley 3452 5333.

PAULS ‘COLLECT-A-CAP’ PROMOTION

Thanks to the wonderful support of the Mansfield School Community, the Environmental Council, Rauchle Service Club and Student Council have been able to send off their second bag of milk caps for the year! Remember that each cap is worth 10 cents to these three student groups that receive the profits. Caps can be left in the collection box in the lower office or can be given to Mrs Holley in F10.

ROTARY CLUB OF WISHART – BOOK SALE AND ART SHOW

The Rotary Club of Wishart has always been a great supporter of Mansfield High. In the next few weeks the members will be holding their two major fundraisers for the year, with proceeds going to support many local and international organisations, including the Rauchle Service Club and Mansfield Chaplaincy. Members of the Mansfield High community are all invited to support their fundraising endeavours.

Wishart Rotary $2 Book Sale - Saturday and Sunday 26 and 27 May. Mount Gravatt Showground (main entrance) from 7.30am to 4pm. 1000s of books in good condition donated from State Libraries throughout Queensland, including popular authors, technical, special interest, travel and classics will be on sale. Majority of the books will be $2 though some specialist books may be slightly more. Donations of books are accepted at the site. For more information, please phone Andrew 0409 494576. The Rauchle Service Club is still looking for a few volunteers to help pack up unsold books from 3-5pm on the Sunday afternoon. This is a huge job and our assistance is essential to the success of the event.

If you are able to help with the Sunday afternoon pack up, please contact Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au or 3452 5333

ROTARY CLUB OF WISHART COMMUNITY ART SHOW

Opening Night: Cocktail Party
7pm Friday 1 June 2012
Exhibition Sat 2nd –Sun 3rd June 9.00– 4pm
Mt Gravatt Showgrounds
Logan Road, Mt Gravatt. Admission $5 per person

- Be part of a Community Artwork created at the exhibition
- Help raise money for Wishart Rotary Club
- Submissions of artwork welcome ($5 per entry)
- Percentage of sales to Wishart Rotary Club
- Local Artists will provide free tuition and guidance
- Explore your inner artist
- Artworks for sale at reasonable prices
- Original art by many local artists

For all submissions of artwork, please contact Sandra O’Neill 0408 757 901
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Fun Run for all students who have paid to participate. This is a great event! |
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P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Administration Building                     |
| Friday 25 May | Music in May – Concert 2 6pm in Hall by GOLD COIN DONATION       |
| Monday 28 May | Year 8 HPV No.2 Dose and Chicken Pox Immunisations  
Week of Met Finals Summer Round 4                                   |
| Tuesday 29 May | Yr 11 & 12 Drama – “Elizabeth” by QTC at Powerhouse Theatre 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 30 May | SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 3  
QDU Round 4 – Yrs 9 and 11                                         |
| Monday 4 June | Prefect Meeting 1.10pm                                           |

Please help to keep CHAPLAINCY at our school.

CHAPLAINCY  
MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
(NB Donations over $2 are tax deductible – Receipts will be issued.)

Donor’s Name: ____________________________  Student’s Name: ____________________________

Donor’s Address: ____________________________

Chaplaincy Donation: Cash $______________  Cheque: $______________

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