FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move through the consultation process in eventually deciding whether or not to submit an expression of interest to become an Independent Public School (IPS) I have been struck by the genuine fondness that people have for this school and the commitment to the students in the school. A focus group workshop with the school cleaning staff as an example illustrated this with a strong commitment to acting in the best interests of students being at the forefront of their minds.

Similarly, at the recent P&C meeting there was lengthy discussion about the perceived benefits of becoming an IPS school with specific emphasis on the aims of the IPS initiative in increasing autonomy in local decision making and greater flexibility in finances and resources. We then discussed: the possible benefits, what we retain as a State school, the possible risks, requirements of being an IPS school, and the process for deciding to submit an expression of interest. At the conclusion of this, a motion was moved and subsequently carried that Mansfield SHS submit an EOI to be considered as an Independent Public School.

Whilst there has been a steady air of cautious but positive interest in becoming an IPS school across stakeholders, this is not reflected in a recent secret ballot undertaken by the members of the Queensland Teachers’ Union here at the school. The ballot returned a majority result against becoming an IPS school. Conversely, teachers at the school who are not union members voted in favour of becoming an IPS school. These discussions will continue through August.

What has been important for me at the person leading the consultation process is that every stakeholder group in the school is consulted and that everyone has an opportunity to have a say. The process provides all staff, through a variety of mechanisms, a say. All students will be briefed and be able to contribute to the discussion through the Student Council. All parents have had the opportunity to attend P&C meetings. The final decision on submitting an expression of interest will occur on the 28 August at the School Council meeting. This process has been broad and has sought to allow all stakeholders an opportunity to be involved. This process has been endorsed by the School Council and the Local Consultative Committee (LCC). The LCC is the forum in which all three unions are able to discuss matters relating to enterprise bargaining agreements along with conditions of their respective members.

The key criterion has been all along: “What is in the best interests of the school and students and simultaneously does not compromise the wages and conditions of staff?”. There is no evidence that becoming an IPS school will adversely affect staff and their employment conditions. Similarly, there is a number of examples where greater flexibility in resourcing will add to what we can provide for our students. As our cleaning staff reiterated so strongly in my discussions with them, “students come first!”

There is a reminder to all members of the community that information relating to IPS is available on the school website.

Keep shining!

ROAD SAFETY

During the past week we have had the Holland Park Police at the school issuing fines to drivers who were stopping at the incorrect place and speeding in a 40 school zone. Please do not: enter driveways; enter school grounds; stop on yellow lines; stop at designated bus zones; 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. The Holland Park Police will be monitoring the situation to ensure the safety of members of our school community.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A Mansfield High School calendar of events has been provided to all students. This allows students and their families to plan their activities. Exams and other assessment feature in this planner. Students are to be present for all assessment, unless they are too sick to attend or there are other very serious extenuating circumstances. (More detail about this is in the Student Handbook.) Other activities need to be arranged around school commitments. Alternative assessment arrangements will only be made in extreme situations. Our students are full-time students. If they are not present for assessment, they will not get credit for the item.
TUTORING BY SMAAT (Students of Mansfield Alumni Assistance and Tuition)
Support for the SMAAT program has been overwhelming. In the hope of keeping up with demand for low cost, high quality tutoring, the program has had to move to a format which can cater for a larger number of students. The format to be implemented is a pair system. Details of the session are:
- 2 Students for each Tutor
- Students to be paired according to subjects of concern and difficulties experienced
- Tutors to be allocated to students of the relevant specialty
- Cost will be $15 per session (3.10 – 4.30pm)
- Other arrangements will remain the same.
Please be assured that if the tutors observe that students are struggling and require further attention, parents will be contacted. The format will be implemented at the end of the student's current block of four sessions. The SMAAT team apologises for the inconvenience that this might cause; however it is simply not possible to sustain the program in its existing format with the present level of interest. Please email smaat@outlook.com with any questions.

YEAR 10 INTO 11 COURSE SELECTION EVENING
An evening will be conducted on Monday 19 August at 7pm for Year 10 students and their parents. Please come along. After a general talk, you will be able to chat with the subject area representatives. This is an important evening in the school calendar.

Please bring both the teal and YELLOW course selection booklet (to be received by students on Friday 2 August) and the tertiary courses guide (which has been issued to students previously).

A School-based Apprenticeship Information Evening from 6 – 7pm will also be held in the Hall.

YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE SELECTION EVENING
A similar evening will be held on Wednesday 21 August at 7pm for Year 8 students and their parents to discuss subject selection for Year 9, as well as Year 10. Parents and students are urged to attend! Please bring the teal and BLUE coloured course selection booklet, which will be issued to students on Monday 5 August.

DEFENSIVE DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM
The Defensive Driver Safety program is offered to all Year 12 students. It is a full day High School Driver Education program that involves lectures, demonstrations, video presentations and in-car driving experiences to deal with what are called the Fatal Four Factors in young driver crashes – over confidence, inexperience, peer influence, and risk taking. The course attendance fee is $160 (GST free) and the dates our school has booked are Monday 14 October and Tuesday 15 October. After the completion of the program, participants each receive a certificate of course completion and an information kit which includes summary information, road safety brochures, and a booklet. We strongly recommend Year 12 students with at least a Learner’s Permit attend. If students are interested in attending the Defensive Driver Safety Program, they are to collect a permission slip from the Lower Office or Mr Kalpakidis. All money and forms are to be returned to the Lower office by Wednesday 12 September. They attend one day only.

It is a wonderful investment in the LIFE of your student, their friends and the community in general.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION 2013
Do you have what it takes to have your winning design published on 1200 copies of our Mansfield School Magazine? Not only will your design be professionally published, but you have the chance to win some great prizes. A $150 Westfield voucher is on offer to the winner and there are two runners-up prizes of a $50 Westfield voucher. Your design could be created in a range of formats including electronic submissions or more traditionally based Apprenticeship Information Evening from 6 – 6.30pm that will be available upon booking.

You can submit all entries to Miss Chamberlain in B8 staffroom (Art staffroom).

Mansfield High is having a TRIVIA NIGHT!
…and YOU are invited! Please lock the following date into your diary: Friday 30 August.
The Mansfield Sports Group (MSG) is holding an inaugural Trivia Night. The theme is “Back to Mansfield” – get the past back to Mansfield! The purpose is to connect with past students, parents, and businesses, all of whom have been a part of our past and present.
The objective is to foster an ongoing link with our members with a vision to maintain their involvement in our school.

Families will receive information in the coming weeks outlining the night. It is an 18+ only evening and tickets are $15 per head for a table of 6-8. Located in our school hall, the night starts with an optional informal dinner at 6pm/6.30pm that will be available upon booking. The trivia part of the night starts at 7pm with nibbles provided. There will be silent auctions, lucky door prizes, and food and drinks available, plus a chance to enjoy a night all dressed in the Circus Dress-Up theme. Yes get out and plan your group! We look forward to you coming along and sharing this night with our staff, fellow families, some amazing ex-students, who have achieved great success, and our local businesses that have been a part of Mansfield for many years. Stay tuned for booking, registration and contact details.
HARRY MESSEL INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE SCHOOL

Year 12 student, Reearna Janke, recently had the opportunity to attend the prestigious Harry Messel International Science School at Sydney University. Seven Queensland students were amongst the 136 students from around the world who attended the two week experience funded by the Harry Messel Physics Foundation. Henry Messel, now 91 years of age, established the School of Physics at Sydney University and campaigned for the rights of women to study science. Reearna stayed on campus at Women’s College and spent the time attending lectures and participating in activities in various areas of science. Guest lecturers included well known Dr Karl, and Brian Schmidt the 2011 Nobel Prize winner for physics. Reearna really enjoyed the experience of being surrounded by people who love science as much as she does and who are as enthusiastic about the field.

MUSIC NEWS

Mansfield Ignites is Coming!!
Preparations for Mansfield Ignites are well underway. Mansfield Ignites is a full school production which showcases the talents of Mansfield State High School through combined production numbers, dance items, drama items, film, an art exhibition and music performances. Mansfield Ignites will be presented at 7.30pm on Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August. The official opening of the Mansfield Ignites Art Exhibition, including drinks and nibbles, will be at 6.30pm on Friday and entry to the Exhibit is included in the ticket price. Tickets will be available online through the school website www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au from Monday 5 August, 2013. Cost: $13 adults, $10 students and concessions. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Cash sales only please.

Note – We will be conducting a canteen during the rehearsals on Sunday 11 August (for lunch) and Wednesday 14 August (for dinner). If you are able to assist, please contact Sue Holley: sholl143@eq.edu.au or 3452 5337.

Our Creative Generation
Congratulations to all of the Mansfield High students who participated in the highly successful 2013 Creative Generation: State Schools Onstage. Whether they were performing solos, singing in the choir, playing in the orchestra or dancing up a storm, our students were, once again, excellent ambassadors for our school and the music program. Sincere thanks to the teachers who gave up their own time to help students prepare and to supervise during rehearsals and production week. Channel 10 will be televising highlights of Creative Generation at 2.30 pm on Saturday 5 October, 2013.

Music Newsletter No 4
Music Newsletter No 4 is now available from outside of the Music Staffroom. Please make sure you collect a copy and read it carefully as it contains a lot of information about the Semester 2 program. You can also download the newsletter from the school website

Reminder...
If a student is absent from school and misses a rehearsal/lesson or cannot attend due to an exam or excursion, they need to submit an absentee slip to the Music Department. These slips are available in the Music Handbook and spare copies can be found outside of the Music staff room.

Brisbane Sings 2013
Mansfield Chorale will be participating in the 2013 Brisbane Sings event to be held on 21 September at 7pm in the QPAC Concert Hall. Tickets are now available through http://www.qpac.com.au/event/Brisbane_Sings_13.aspx
Ticket prices - Adult $38, Concession $30, Child (3-15years) $25, Family (2 adults, 2 children) $99

Other Opportunities for Young Musicians....
SPORT
Athletics Carnival (see picture montage at end of Newsletter)
The Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday 18 July after showers all week. We even had 30 minutes of showers on the day, but everyone still participated. Conditions were difficult but we had excellent participation throughout the day. Any students who wanted to throw, jump or run were given an opportunity to represent their House. We had record numbers in many events with up to 20 students for jumps and throws. Hammerskjold House was the overall winners on the day with U-thant second place, Schweitzer third and Gandhi fourth.

Age Champions
Congratulations to the following students who were the place getters.

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New Records: Congratulations to the following students who broke school Track and Field Records
- Eleni Metos – 14 Years Shot Put 10:01m
- Jessica Heald – 13 Years High Jump 1:47m

The District Field events are on Tuesday 30 July and District Track events are on Thursday 1 August. Good luck to the Mansfield High Track and Field Team!

Interschool Sport
District Finals will be held on Wednesday 7 August. The first two placegetters in each sport will play off.

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL NURSE
Safehome
Safehome is an initiative designed to assist householders to conduct a safety and fire awareness inspection of their home. It is a voluntary program whereby you can invite local firefighters to assist with your fire and home safety needs. You will be assisted to recognise fire and safety hazards in and around the home. Once the hazards are identified, you then take steps to eliminate them. The purpose of the initiative is to eliminate, as much as possible, any fire and safety hazards around the home. The intent is to reduce death and injury and property damage due to home fires and accidents. Firefighters will advise you on correct positioning of smoke alarms and discuss fire safety concerns.

All people who are concerned with improving safety in their home: All homes have different requirements but a visit should take no longer than 45 minutes. If you would like to take the opportunity to invite a firefighter into your home for a visit, do so by phoning 13 QGOV (13 74 68) OR Book a visit online.

It is necessary for the person living in the property to call and book the visit. If you are renting, tenants should book the visit and not lessors/agents. If the firefighters recommend making changes to the property during the visit, such as installing a smoke alarm, the tenant should raise this with the lessor/agent and discuss options.

If you live in an area serviced by volunteer fire fighters, they will be unable to come to your home to conduct a Safehome visit. However, when you telephone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) you will receive both a Safehome kit and a Bushfire Preparedness package which will assist you make your home safer.

This is a free service provided by Queensland Fire & Rescue Service in the interest of developing a safer community.
COMMUNITY NEWS
The Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 22 August at 7pm in the Common Room. All are welcome to attend.

NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators
The 2013 ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators closes on 31 July 2013. The National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) program, supported by the Australian Scholarships Group (ASG), gives communities the opportunity to formally thank their hard-working and inspirational educators and leaders. Parents, grandparents, secondary student councils, school boards/councils, parent associations, committees of management and community organisations may nominate. Amazing professional development and project grants are up for grabs, as well as one lucky National Award recipient getting the incredible opportunity to go to Space Camp in the US. National Awards are granted across four categories: leadership and development, innovation, community engagement, and for the first time for 2013, languages other than English. If you would like to nominate someone, please visit http://www.asg.com.au/neita.

Submissions now open for 2014 Premier’s Anzac Prize
Year 8–11 students are invited to submit a short multimedia presentation for the 2014 Premier’s Anzac Prize tour to Gallipoli and the Western Front. Videos, photos and journals from the 2013 tour can inspire students, while teachers can use the resources to assist students in preparing a submission before they close on Friday 20 September. For more information visit the Premier’s Anzac Prize web page. http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/2014.html

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB
Volunteers needed … Can you help us?
Mansfield SHS Guinness World Record Challenge

Largest Game of Musical Statues
Have Fun. Get Active. Build Community. Help Others. Friday 16 August 2013
We currently have 20 stewards to oversee our Guinness World Record challenge, but we still need 20 more. Do you know someone who could help us? A colleague, neighbour, friend... Stewards would need to be available between the hours of 10.30am and 1pm on Friday 16 August. 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 sholl143@eq.edu.au.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Last week the Rauchle Service Club held a very successful Sno-Cone stall at the Athletics Carnival, raising $1359 to support their favourite charities. Thank you to everyone who supported us on the day. Your purchase will help to make a difference in the lives of others. Special thanks to Lyn and Darryl Jell for arranging the donation of the ice from Bruce Dewar at Dewar’s Refrigeration. Mr Jell also drove to Rocklea the day before to collect enough ice to fill the chest freezer in the hall and repeated the journey on the Thursday. Thanks also to Mr Fites for collecting the sno-cone machine for us. Your support is greatly appreciated!
Canteen Roster

- **Monday 29 July**
  - HELP NEEDED PLEASE
  - M Gunton
  - M Roethlisberger
  - S McKenzie
  - A Wilde
  - A Weh
  - J Burns

- **Tuesday 30 July**
  - S Charter
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Wednesday 31 July**
  - L Nicholson
  - C Lowe
  - BRISBANE SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY
  - HELP NEED PLEASE
  - M Bucher
  - M Gunton

- **Thursday 1 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Friday 2 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Monday 12 August**
  - L Nicholson
  - C Lowe
  - BRISBANE SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY
  - HELP NEED PLEASE
  - M Bucher
  - M Gunton

- **Tuesday 13 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Wednesday 14 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Thursday 15 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Friday 16 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Monday 19 August**
  - L Nicholson
  - C Lowe
  - BRISBANE SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY
  - HELP NEED PLEASE
  - M Bucher
  - M Gunton

- **Tuesday 20 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Wednesday 21 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Thursday 22 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Friday 23 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Monday 26 August**
  - L Nicholson
  - C Lowe
  - BRISBANE SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY
  - HELP NEED PLEASE
  - M Bucher
  - M Gunton

- **Tuesday 27 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Wednesday 28 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
  - G Reding
  - M Wun Lee
  - M Mead
  - Y Calligeros

- **Thursday 29 August**
  - R Tucker
  - M Asmussen
  - K Oliver
  - S Piran
  - A McKenzie
  - S O’Gorman

- **Friday 30 August**
  - S Charlton
  - S Smith
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Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday 30 July**
  - 4-4 Day Newsletter available on website/hardcopy
  - SD Field Carnival (for selected team)
  - Battle of the Bands – Period 2b and Lunch – Hall
  - Red Cross Blood Van donations 8am-4pm (Yr 11 and Yr 12 only)
  - Yr 7 into Yr 8 Conference Interviews with Principal in Common Room 3.30-5pm

- **Wednesday 31 July**
  - SD Winter Sport / MAP Round 9
  - QDU Finals Round Two
  - ICAS English Competition (Yr 6-12) Period 2
  - Yr 12 Hospitality Excursion

- **Thursday 1 August**
  - SD Track Carnival (selected team)
  - Student Council Meeting 1.10pm K01, K02
  - Yr 10 Live Performance Period 1 (all Yr 10 students) – Hall

- **Friday 2 August**
  - Yr 10s receive Subject Selection Booklet Period 1 – Hall
  - Yr 8 Sport – lunch
  - Schools Cup Volleyball (Toowoomba) Friday-Saturday-Sunday

- **Monday 5 August**
  - Yr 8s receive Subject Selection Booklet Period 1 – Hall
  - Yr 12 QSA Provisional Statements available on website
  - Rauchle Services Club AGM 1.10pm
  - House Captains’ Meeting 1pm
  - NCSS Programming Challenge begins

- **Tuesday 6 August**
  - Full Assembly Yr 8-12 in Hall
  - Environmental Council AGM 1.10pm
  - UQ School visit for interested Yr 12s – lunch time in Resource Centre
  - Yr 9/Yr 10 female students Excursion to QUT for the Power of Engineering – all day
  - Yr 11 Hospitality Excursion

- **Wednesday 7 August**
  - SD Winter Finals
  - QDU Finals Round Three
  - Yr 10 Careers Lesson 6 (SETplan)

- **Thursday 8 August**
  - Yr 10 Boostrix Immunisations 9am in Hall or MA1
  - Yr 11 Geography Field Trip (8.15am-12pm)
  - Yr 10 Hospitality Excursion
  - Prefect Meeting 1.10pm

- **Friday 9 August**
  - Yr 8 Sport – lunch
  - TIP Leaders’ Meeting 1pm
  - Religion Yr 6, 9, 10 (Period 1, 2, 3).

- **Monday 12 August**
  - Hall set u & used for whole school production

- **Tuesday 13 August**
  - ICAS Maths Competition in Per 3 for all students
  - Yr 12 Geography Field Trip all day

- **Wednesday 14 August**
  - BRISBANE EXHIBITION PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- **Thursday 15 August**
  - Student Council 1.10pm in F Block

- **Friday 16 August**
  - Mansfield Ignite matinee for invited primary schools in morning
  - Guinness World Record Musical Statues 11.05am – 12.30pm
  - Mansfield Ignite school production 7.30pm preceded by Art Exhibition at 6.30pm. Tickets online.

- **Saturday 17 August**
  - Mansfield Ignite school production 7.30pm. Tickets online.
SEMINAR FOR PARENTS
PETER JANETZKI
STRATEGIES FOR RAISING TEENS
AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

When:
Wednesday 28 August 2013 at 7pm
Where:
Mansfield High School Hall
To Register
Pay at the school upper office by Wed 21/8/13
Contact
Chaplain Ben on 3452 5361 or bcber19@eq.edu.au
Cost
$15 Adult, $20 couple (cash OR cheque made out to Mansfield SHS Chaplaincy)

This seminar features a world class counsellor and communicator, Peter Janetzki who is speaking about strategies for raising teens and younger children. Peter 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. 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?

Tea and Coffee available on the night.