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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the Olympics coming to a close, it has been a celebration of humanity where different nations, cultures, and religions have come together under the Olympic flag. Regardless of people's beliefs, backgrounds and nationalities, every athlete and official was there for a common purpose. In many ways schools are similar! At Mansfield High students come from over 80 different countries. We have students who speak over 40 different languages in their homes. There are many different religions in the school. Everyone has been in Australia for differing periods of time and has many different personal stories of how we came to be here. Regardless, we are united under the Mansfield High School banner. All students who come here are Mansfield stars striving to be as excellent as they can be, steadfast in their pursuit of academic excellence, cultural and musical excellence, sporting excellence with a desire to give to others. Striving to be excellent and steadfast in the pursuit of this goal, enables everyone to experience the culture of the school and to meet the standards that we hold dear, so that we attain our vision of *Quality Learning in a Caring Environment!*

SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENING

All Year 10 students and their parents are invited to a School-Based Apprenticeship Information Evening on Monday 20 August from 6 – 7pm in the Hall. You are encouraged to attend if you are remotely interested in this option.

YEAR 10 INTO 11 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

An evening will be conducted **on Monday 20 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 yellow coloured **subject selection booklet** (received by students on Tuesday 31 July) and the **tertiary courses guide** (which will have been issued to students prior to this).

YEAR 8 INTO 9 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

A similar evening will be held on **Wednesday 22 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 coloured **subject selection booklet**, which was issued to students on Wednesday 1 August.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of parents/caregiver, students and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. The results of the annual survey help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. Sixty Year 9 and sixty Year 11 students are randomly selected to undertake the survey as well as forty parents/caregivers. Selected Parents/Caregivers will receive their survey via their child on Thursday 16 August. The Year 9 and Year 11 students who are selected will complete the student survey at school during week seven.

MT GRAVATT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

A number of our students entered the Mt Gravatt Young Achiever Awards at the recent Mt Gravatt Show. Their nominations were of an exceptional standard and it would have been difficult for the judges to make their final decision. The winning nominations in the different year levels were:

Education: Utkarsh Kiri (Yr 9), Alexandra Radke (Yr 9), Caitlin Micallef (Yr 12)

Arts: Olivia Bird (Yr 9), Emma Parkinson (Yr 12)

Community Service: Hillary Te (Yr 9),
Natasha Abeysekera (Yr 12)

Sport: Alessandria Riding (Yr 9),
Olia Burtsev (Yr 12).

Congratulations also to other nominees on their impressive entries: Reearna Janke, Michaela Brady, Joshua Rosentreter, Tyler Nobelen, and Harrison Rosentreter.



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.**

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 \$140 (GST free) and the date our school has booked is Monday 15 October and/or Tuesday 16 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 letter from the Lower Office or Mr Kalpakidis. All money and forms are to be returned to the Lower Office by Wednesday 12 September.

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

DRAMA NEWS

Recently we have been able to have two workshops for our Senior Drama students run by theatre professionals. The Year 11s welcomed Leon from *Shake & Stir Theatre Company* who led them in a workshop on *Commedia dell'Arte*, an Italian form of comedy that has its roots in the 16th century but still influences comedic characters today. The students explored the idea of status and produced some hilarious results without the help of dialogue. The Year 12s worked with *Zen Zen Zo Theatre Company* to explore the highly stylistic features of ancient Greek tragedy. They experienced the dynamics of working as an ensemble and created some powerful chorus work. The students greatly enjoyed the workshops and are sure to integrate the skills that they have learnt into their upcoming assessment. Thank you to *Shake and Stir* and *Zen Zen Zo*.



RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

National (Half) Hour of Reading - Lunch on Friday 24 August

We encourage as many students and teachers as possible to set this half hour aside to come along to the Resource Centre and read. We would appreciate a gold coin donation or donation of an unwanted novel upon entry, with all proceeds going to the Indigenous Literacy Project.

(www.indigenoussliteracyproject.org.au)

One lucky reader will be drawn out to receive an MP3 player and all participants will receive a NYOR bookmark. Don't forget to bring a book!



ENGLISH NEWS

The 2013 *Somerset National Novella Writing Competition* offers cash prizes. Winning manuscripts will receive personalised advice from the Penguin Group (Australia). The competition is open to all current secondary students attending school in Australia. For further details and entry forms go to

www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration

LOTE NEWS

Shizuoka Johoku Exchange

Our school community welcomes our visiting students from Shizuoka Johoku High School. Twenty Japanese students are experiencing life at Mansfield High and with an Australian family. Our visitors are participating in special English lessons, being integrated into various classes and experiencing the Ekka, Australian wildlife at Lone Pine and Aboriginal Culture. We hope they will take home many fond memories of their time *Down Under*.



ICT NEWS

Young ICT Explorers Competition Final



Mansfield YICTE Finalists: Bridget Dillon, Linda Kozehuba, Joshua Henley, Gihan Ranatunga, Jarrod Eades, David Ma and Tom Barham

Last weekend seven Mansfield High Students accompanied by their MAP teacher Mrs Docherty, attended the finals event for the *Young ICT Explorers* competition. All the judges noted that the standard of entries in this third year of the competition was very high and even being selected to present at the finals event was a noteworthy achievement. Mansfield High students submitted a range of projects across multiple categories including: *GameMaker* games; a video; and an online application involving the design of a database, website and android phone app. Tom Barham was awarded a second prize certificate and an ipod-nano in the Year 8-9 category for his online *WordWiki*



Tom Barham, Year 8 was awarded 2nd Prize for his online WordWiki

application developed using php, html5 and css. The University of Queensland presenter commented on the excellence and simplicity of his user interface which effectively disguised the complex programming required at the back end of the application. You can test out his application online at www.wordwiki.mrfishie.com. Overall, it was an outstanding effort from all finalists and a well-deserved second place prize for Tom. All students found the opportunity to interact with university staff and industry representatives a valuable experience. It was exciting to see a range of demonstrations of advanced IT projects from university students and high school peers. Many students have already started thinking of ideas for next year's competition.

GUIDANCE NEWS

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust

AVCAT is a national independent charity administering tertiary scholarships. Scholarship selection is open to children and in some cases grandchildren of a veteran and is based on need and merit. Applicants can be high-school leavers starting university or current university students and eligible for Youth Allowance, hence studying full time. Scholarships are generally paid for three years and are between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per year. Applications for 2013 open in August 2012 and close on 31 October 2012. Scholarship applications opened on August 1 and close on 31 October 2012. For further information, go to: www.avcat.org.au. The email address is avcat@dva.gov.au.

University of Queensland Careers In Engineering and Technology Evening

Students and parents are invited to attend the Engineering Careers Evening held at the University of Queensland (Hawken Engineering, Building 50) on Thursday 30 August from 5.30pm-8pm. The event will include: presentations on the Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Multimedia Design; the opportunity to hear from recent Engineering and ICT graduates; the opportunity to talk with lecturers and current students; asking industry representatives about job opportunities. To register and view the full program visit www.eait.uq.edu.au/careers-evening.

Griffith Connect Academic Bursary Scheme

Mansfield High is a member of the *Griffith Connect-Valued Partner Program*. One of the benefits of the program is that an eligible student from our school will receive an Academic Excellence Bursary. From this pool of applicants Griffith University will additionally award any suitable candidates a Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship and Honours College membership. Unsuccessful applicants will be offered Early Guaranteed Admissions places into suitable programs (some programs are excluded). Interested students please see the Guidance Officer.

University of NSW Co-op Program Scholarship

UNSW Co-op program is a career development scholarship for high achieving undergraduate students, offering industry training, leadership and professional development, networking opportunities, mentoring and financial support (\$16,750 per annum tax free for four or five years). Applications are available online at: www.co-op.unsw.edu.au. Applications close 30 September.

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships

The scholarship provides financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are at a TAFE (Cert IV and above) or entry level university courses in a range of health professions. Applicants must identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Scholarships are valued at \$7,500 per year for part-time study and up to \$15,000 per year for full time study. For further information free call 1800 688 628, email scholarships@rcna.org.au or web site www.rcna.org.au.

MUSIC NEWS

Best wishes to Camerata!

Camerata has a very busy week ahead. On Monday 20 August, they have been invited to perform in the Premier's Hall at State Parliament House to launch Seniors' Week. They have also been asked to participate in the Brisbane Grammar School String Festival to be held on Wednesday 22 August at 6.30pm in The Great Hall.

Mansfield Collective



L to R – Mr Bell (1st trombone), Joyce Lai (percussion), Joshua Monteith (percussion), James Edwards (2nd trombone), Caitlin Thomas (tenor sax), Michelle Henderson (french horn), Kenny Fauls (2nd trumpet) Tamara Peacock (alto sax)

On Sunday 29 July, 500 Brisbane singers came together for the inaugural *Brisbane Sings* concert. Participating choirs were supported by an amazing band comprising of a professional rhythm section and our very own Mansfield Collective, made up of past and present Mansfield High students. When Mr Bell was asked to put a band together for the event, he had no doubt the students would rise to the challenge of working with the professional musicians. The organisers of the event were very impressed with the attitude, presentation and ability of our young musicians. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Solo Success

Congratulations to Arcadia Lynch, Year 9 (pictured right), who recently performed a vocal solo with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in the *Lord of the Rings – The Fellowship of the Ring* concerts held at QPAC.



Queensland Irish Dance State Championships

Congratulations to Olivia Lloyd, Year 12 (pictured left), for winning the Queensland Irish Dance State Championships last weekend. Olivia has been dancing at Lynagh School of Irish Dance for twelve years and has competed since she was seven, winning a string of competitions along the way. Earlier this year, Olivia also successfully competed in the prestigious Gold Coast and Mid Year competitions, both which draw many international competitors. Olivia's next stop will be the Australian National Irish Dance Championships in Adelaide from the 25th to 30th September. Well done Olivia!

By Emma Payne - Writer for the Rauchle Service Club

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C Meeting - Date Claimer – Please note the change in time for the August meeting!

Thursday 23 August at 6pm in the Administration Block Common Room. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you from the Student Council

The Student Council would like to thank *The Athlete's Foot*, Garden City, for their donation of \$115. If you nominate your school when you buy a pair of shoes from *The Athlete's Foot*, Garden City, they will donate \$5 from your purchase back to our school. The Student Council will put the funds towards a project to benefit all students.

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB

Soap Drive 2012

The natural handmade soaps are made with the best quality ingredients and contain no phosphates, no sodium lauryl sulphates, no parabens and no petro chemicals. There are lots of new varieties to appeal to people of all ages and tastes. There is even one for the dog! Order forms are coming soon. Don't miss out!



ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

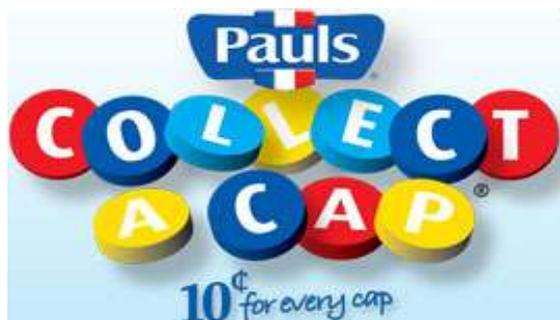
National Tree Day

Members of the Environmental Council recently participated in National Tree Day. Taking the first step towards re-establishing the garden beds along the Broadwater Road side of A Block, the students planted four new trees – 2 Box Brush and 2 White Oak. Thanks to: Mr Fites for collecting the trees from Daly's Nursery and for bringing his post hole digger to school; Mr Wilkinson for lending us his tools; and to Mrs Buzzoni for watering them when we forget.



Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles Sports for Schools

The Earn and Learn and Sports for Schools promotions have now ended. If you have any stickers or vouchers lying around on the kitchen bench or in the boot of the car, please send them in to school before Friday 24 August. We really appreciate your support!



Pauls Collect A Cap

For the month of September, Pauls is offering to double the money paid for caps. Please keep sending them in.

Collection Period - All year!

Collection Point - collection box in the lower office.

Mansfield Family Twilight Markets

The vibrant Mansfield Primary School community plans to celebrate spring this year with a unique and free family event, and invite everyone to join them. On Friday 14 September between 5pm – 8pm, Mansfield Primary on Ham Road will become a hive of live entertainment, international foods, free children's activities and shopping! They have invited some of the most unique local businesses as stall holders for this event with everything including fashion, toys, plants, books, home wares and gifts. The Twilight Markets will have something to keep everyone happy. This is a free night out that the whole family will enjoy and there's a great chance of winning some quality prizes from stall holders with the multi-draw raffle.

If you are interested in being a stall holder for this event, please contact Kate Williams: admin@musicbeat.com.au Ph 0411 833 407

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Tuesday 14 August	Wednesday 15 August	Thursday 16 August	Friday 17 August
	C Lowe K Hudson	BRISBANE SHOW HOLIDAY	M Roethlisberger	M Gunton M Bucher
Monday 20 August	Tuesday 21 August	Wednesday 22 August	Thursday 23 August	Friday 24 August
HELP NEEDED PLEASE	K Oliver L Look	L Hales HELP NEEDED	B Kenny	S Edgeworth N O'Shea
Monday 27 August	Tuesday 28 August	Wednesday 29 August	Thursday 30 August	Friday 31 August
S Phillips	L Tippett I Jones	A McKenzie	S O'Gorman	HELP NEEDED PLEASE



MANSFIELD MUSIC PRESENTS All That Jazz 2012



SUNDAY 26 AUGUST 2PM

MANSFIELD HIGH ASSEMBLY HALL

ADULTS \$13 CONCESSIONS \$9

PRESENTING: OUR BIG BAND, JAZZ ENSEMBLE, STAGE BAND & COMBO

ADMISSION INCLUDES: SAVOURIES, TEA AND COFFEE
(catered by Mansfield High Hospitality students)

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: WINE, BEER (ADULTS ONLY);
JUICE, WATER & SOFT DRINK.



TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED ONLINE THROUGH
THE SCHOOL WEBSITE www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au ...
Sorry...NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

ON SALE from Monday 13 August to Thursday 23 August only

TABLE BOOKINGS OF UP TO TEN ARE AVAILABLE FOR RESERVATION.

COME AND ENJOY A GREAT AFTERNOON OF JAZZ.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 14 August	Newsletter available on website/hard copy ICAS Maths Competition in Per 2 Rauchle Club Meeting 1.10pm	
Wednesday 15 August	BRISBANE SHOW DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Thursday 16 August	School Musical Matinee 12.30pm for local primary schools School Musical 7.30pm in Hall	
Friday 17 August	Qld Debating Union Quarter Finals School Musical 7.30pm in Hall	
Saturday 18 August	School Musical 7.30pm in Hall	
Monday 20 August	Book Week <i>Camerata</i> at Parliament House 9.45am-12.15pm School-based Apprenticeship Evening 6pm-7pm in Hall Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening 7pm in Hall (Bring YELLOW book and QTAC book)	
Tuesday 21 August	Book Week Yr 12 QCS Final Briefing (3a); QCS Calculator Check (3b) Environment Council Meeting 1.10pm	
Wednesday 22 August	Book Week Metro Winter Finals Round 1 MAP Block 2 ends Qld Debating Union Semi Finals Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening 7pm (Bring TEAL book) Evening: <i>Camerata</i> at Grammar String Fest	
Thursday 23 August	Book Week Prefect Meeting 1.10pm P&C Meeting 6pm in Administration Building	
Friday 24 August	Book Week National Half Hour Reading – lunch Orienteering – half day	
Sunday 26 August	Jazz Event at 2pm – Yr 12 Hospitality	
Monday 25 August	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Forms due in Battle of the Bands Yr 12 Hospitality Excursion	

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from reality.

Parking will be
available on the
school oval
entering via the
Ham Road
Music car park.

MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY HALL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

7.30pm

COST: \$13 ADULTS;

\$10 STUDENTS AND CONCESSION

PROGRAMMES – GLOSSY AND BEAUTIFUL (\$3 AT THE DOOR)

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE: www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au

In this charming tale based on the popular L Frank Baum stories, Dorothy and her dog Toto are caught in a tornado's path and somehow end up in the land of Oz. Here she meets some memorable friends and foes in her journey to meet the Wizard of Oz. Everyone says that the Wizard of Oz can help her return home and possibly grant her new friends their goals of a brain, heart and courage. Things in Oz are strange and beautiful, but Dorothy just wants to get back home. She's helped by the Good Witch of the North, but she's also in trouble with the Wicked Witch of the West, who seeks revenge for the death of her sister, the Wicked Witch of the East, for which she blames Dorothy.

GO ONLINE TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au)

and BOOK, CHOOSE AND PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS FOR

A NIGHT OF GREAT ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Have you bought your tickets for our school's musical???

It is on this week and tickets are selling fast...

Purchase them online (www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au)

or from A18 between 1pm & 1.30pm.

If there are any problems with purchasing tickets online,
please call Peter Mihos on 3452 5317.