27 August 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With so many events and opportunities for showcasing student excellence, I am almost reluctant to list them all for fear of missing someone out. For those who attended our major school music production, Mansfield Ignites, you will have seen an outstanding performance with many exceptional students and staff. Whilst there are many, many people to acknowledge, special thanks go to Marg Overs for her leadership, energy and excellence in production.

Similarly, the combined schools attempt at breaking a Guinness Book of World Record for “musical statues” was an outstanding example of mass participation in a school event and just a little bit of fun before we become emerged in the term’s assessment cycle. Well done to Mrs Sue Holley, our School Community Liaison Officer, for putting this enormous event together. Whilst we await a decision by the Guinness Book of World Records organisation, we all want to thank you for adding your bit to the enrichment of the school culture. Well done! Money raised will be donated by our school’s Rauchle Service Club to our chosen charities.

The ability to develop a coherent argument, respond deftly, articulate a point of view and do this in the genre of public speaking is, in many ways, a future job skill for many of our students. It is one of the reasons we focus on Debating. It has been an outstanding success again this year with many teams doing so very well. Congratulations to all and thanks to Ms Larissa Solah for coordinating this important activity within the school.

Mansfield’s Senior choir, Chorale, blew away the audience at the recent Choral Fanfare Showcase. Chorale was recognised for the brilliance of their performance and yet again demonstrated that this school is one of the very best music schools in Brisbane. Well done!

Additionally, we have had students participating in the 40 hour famine; nine of our sporting teams competed in Metropolitan Finals; and in the Spotless Suburbs and Schools competition, we received the Environmental Protection Award and the Overall Award for High Schools.

Mansfield is a great place to be a young person moving through adolescence and their secondary schooling. There are so many opportunities. Students simply have to rise to the challenge.

Recent news: The Mansfield State High School Council at its last meeting resolved to support a submission for Mansfield State High School to become an Independent Public School for 2014. It was agreed that the consultation process has been comprehensive and recognises that most stakeholders are generally supportive of the EOI. The School Council considered that when the various factors are weighed up that, on balance, the benefits are such that it is believed that it is worth submitting an application. It should be highlighted that this is simply an Expression of Interest and not a decision to become an Independent Public School. That decision will be made by the Department of Education.

Keep shining!

PRESENTATION EVENING AWARDS

The Presentation Awards criteria will soon be on our school’s website. This year we were going to include Instrumental Music as one of the subjects to be considered when awarding Academic Excellence Awards and Academic Achievement Awards. However as there are other plans for Instrumental Music in the pipeline, it has been decided not to include Instrumental Music this year.

In order to receive an Academic Excellence Award, students need to achieve all As in their Semester One results; however they may achieve one B. For students who are completing a reduced load for special reasons, they must achieve all As.

In order to receive an Academic Achievement Award, students need to achieve a majority of As in their Semester One results, with no subject result being less than a B.

In addition to Academic Awards, awards are also presented in the areas of Culture, Service and Sport.

Please reserve Wednesday 23 October from 7pm for our Presentation Evening. It will be a night of celebration. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, students must attend in order to receive their awards. Sometimes this means that other commitments need to be changed.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
School holidays are not far away. However students will undertake assessment tasks in the interim. Whilst some assignments extend over the holiday period, there is no requirement that students work on assessment over the holidays. Students and staff are to have a holiday and relax! Having stated that, some students choose to do some work at their own pace over the holiday period. There is however no expectation that this should occur.

EXAMS / STUDY LEAVE / ATTENDANCE
Year 11 students will be on exams/study leave from Friday 6 September to Friday 13 September and Year 12 students will be on exams/study leave from Friday 6 September to Monday 16 September.

After the timetabled exams, Year 12s must be in full-time attendance until Friday 20 September. In the week of 16 September, Year 11s should be on work experience. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore future careers. Those Year 11s who are not involved in work experience, must be in full-time attendance at school. Students have now received a copy of the exam timetable.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will have exams during their usual lessons. There is NO study leave for these year levels. Full-time attendance is required UNTIL Friday 20 September. Students will receive an exam timetable in the near future. It is to be signed by parents and glued into the Student Handbook.

STUDY LEAVE
Year 11 and Year 12 students, who have fulfilled all of their school commitments and whose parents give them permission, will be offered the option of study leave during the respective exam period outlined above. Students will need to return permission slips at the stated time and comply with study leave conditions. If students fail to comply with study leave requirements, it will be withdrawn immediately. Students who do not have study leave, must study in the hall.

MID-SEMESTER 2 REPORTS
The Mid-Semester 2 Reports for Year 8 to Year 10 will be in a slightly different format. This year an achievement level will be included to replace the comments in order to provide a clearer indication of your child’s progress. Students have been awarded an achievement level based on work in Term 3. This work may include formative and/or summative assessment and it is a point-in-time result.

Students will be issued with their reports during Form Class on Thursday 19 September.

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY
The student must have a note from his/her parent/guardian requesting permission to leave school at a specific time. He/she reports to the Lower Office BEFORE going to Period 1 and his/her note is handed in. The student will be asked to swipe his/her ID card and he/she will be issued with a receipt. The student needs to show this receipt to the teacher for permission to leave class. Before leaving the school grounds the student must report to the Lower Office where he/she will swipe his/her ID card again to register the departure time and receive an authorisation receipt.

Please note: Wednesday afternoons are for MAP (a compulsory aspect of our curriculum), not for appointments, unless it is absolutely essential.

LOST PROPERTY
Our lost property boxes continue to OVERFLOW! If your students are missing property, please encourage them to check lost property at the Upper Office. The various boxes of lost property will be sorted. Unnamed items such as lunchboxes, water bottles and personal items will be disposed of. Items of clothing/shoes which are not named, but are in good condition, will be given to the Uniform Shop.

It is essential that all items of a student’s property are named clearly. This includes shoes and socks. Sometimes the names wash/fall off. Please check regularly. This is a good holiday task for students.

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 maintaining their involvement in our school.

It is an 18+ only evening and tickets are $10 per head for a table of 6-8. People will be arriving anywhere from 6-6.45pm. There will be lots happening with meeting people/ raffles/ setting up your table, etc. The first questions start at 7pm and the evening should finish by 10.30pm. Drinks are available for purchase. Please provide your own snacks.

We look forward to catching up with Parents of NOW and THEN, students of THEN, recalling some great times, and setting some great goals for the future of Mansfield High Sports Group.
MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS
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 1700 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.

DEBATING NEWS
Congratulations Debaters!
As the 2013 Debating competition comes to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you and congratulations to this year’s teams and coaches. Debating is a fantastic way for students to develop their thinking and speaking skills and it also gives them a chance to get to know some of the teachers outside of the classroom setting. Debating fosters the enhancement of a lot of skills and requires a lot of hard work. It allows students to develop friendships and encourages them to form views on the world around them. This year Mansfield High School had eleven teams in the competition. Six of those teams (Year 8 Teams One, Two and Three, Year 9 Team Two, Year 10 Team Two, and Year 12 Team One) went through to the knock-outs after winning three of the first four debates. Unfortunately, while some teams made it through the first two knock-out rounds, none of the teams was successful in making it through to the semi-finals. Having said this, all teams put in a wonderful effort and they should be very proud of themselves.

This year’s teams were Year 8 Team One (Coach: Miss Distor), Year 8 Team Two (Coach: Mr Connell), Year 8 Team Three (Coach: Mrs Solah), Year 9 Team One (Coach: Mr & Mrs Healey), Year 9 Team Two (Coach: Ms Richards), Year 9 Team Three (Coach: Mr Smeltzer), Year Ten Team One (Coach: Miss Moye), Year Ten Team Two (Coach: Miss Watts), Year Ten Team Three (Coach: Mr Martin), Year 11 Team One (Coach: Mrs Bladin), Year 12 Team One (Coach: Mrs Bagshaw).

If your student would like to take part in Debating next year, please have them listen out for the daily notices in Term 4, when we will be creating teams for next year. Thank you again to all students and teachers who have been involved in the competition this year and to the administration staff for their support throughout 2013. Bring on 2014!

GUIDANCE NEWS
Griffith University Criminology and Criminal Justice Careers Information Evening
The school of Criminology and Criminal Justice will be holding a Careers Information Evening for current and prospective students and their families on Thursday 5 September. The purpose of the evening is to inform present and prospective students of the career options open to Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates.

Date: Thursday 5 September
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Venue: Andy Nimmo Auditorium (M23) at Mt Gravatt Campus

Automotive Modern Apprenticeship Program
Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Both males and females from all over Australia are invited to apply for the Modern Apprenticeship Program and if selected will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to home. For further information call (02) 80149890, email reception@vantageautomotive.com or visit the website www.vantageautomotive.com

Supporting Women Scholarships (up to $20,000)

Dear Principal

I am writing to you about a wonderful opportunity for young women considering future study in agriculture and environmental studies, architecture and building, engineering, earth science, or information technology.

The Supporting Women Scholarships program is a Queensland Government initiative which provides real opportunities for Queensland women. In 2012–13 more than 120 women across the State commenced studying with the assistance of a Supporting Women Scholarship. Now in its second round, my Department is once again pleased to offer scholarships to women who are interested in pursuing study and employment in traditionally male dominated fields and skill shortage areas. Scholarships of up to $20,000 are available for study from Certificate IV level through to postgraduate.

Applications for a Supporting Women Scholarship are now open for study commencing in 2014. Applications will close on 11 October 2013. I invite you to encourage eligible female students at your school to consider this opportunity, and to promote the scholarships to those involved in assisting students with their post-school study and career options.

Further information about the Supporting Women Scholarship program is available online at www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au. Should you have any queries regarding the scholarships or wish to access promotional material, I invite you to email supportingwomen@dete.qld.gov.au or telephone 1800 177 577.

I welcome your support of this initiative.

Yours sincerely

John-Paul Langbroek
Minister for Education, Training and Employment
COMMUNITY NEWS
The Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 24 October at 7pm in the Common Room. All are welcome to attend.

School Hats/Student Presentation
Students must be presented in a neat and tidy manner at all times. A batch of school hats was of an unacceptable quality. Students have been reminded that if they have hats which have become squasy, but are otherwise in good condition, they are to take the hat to the Uniform Shop by Thursday 12 September for it to be checked. Most of these hats will be replaced. After this date, any students whose school hats are not of a presentable standard will need to replace them themselves.

If at any stage you have concerns about the quality of a uniform item, please contact the school’s Uniform Shop on 3452 5357.

NOTE: The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday 3 September.

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB
Perfect Weather for Musical Statues
Friday 16 August brought a wave of excitement and anticipation to Mansfieldians everywhere. With the help of Mansfield Primary School, more than 2200 Mansfield students poured onto the multipurpose courts for a world-record-breaking game of musical statues under a clear winter sky. Although the results have not yet been confirmed, it is clear that we unofficially smashed the Guinness World Record for the largest game of Musical Statues ever played, beating the 2010 record by at least 800 people! This was, however, not the only achievement made that day. The Mansfield community has outdone itself once again, by collecting over $21000 for Guide Dogs Queensland and the Mater Children’s Hospital. Special thanks to the 42 volunteers from the wider community who gave their time to act as stewards and witnesses. A huge thank-you to all involved, but particularly to School Liaison Officer Mrs Holley and to the members of the Rauchle Service Club for their outstanding commitment and contribution to this event!

By Kelly van der Merwe and Zarah Mahomed-Ismail (Writers for the Rauchle Service Club)

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL - MANSFIELD TAKES OUT TOP SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

The Spotless Suburbs and Schools competition is a Keep Queensland Beautiful initiative, running in partnership with Brisbane City Council and SITA Australia. The awards aim to promote pride in our local communities and create a cleaner, greener, litter-free city for all of us to enjoy. The 2013 Spotless Suburbs and Schools winners were announced by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk at a ceremony held at The Deck in King George Square on Monday 20 August 2013. Environmental Council members, Sian Gaebler and Nim Weeraseena, attended the awards to accept the Environmental Protection Award and Overall Award for High Schools on behalf of the Mansfield community. Such awards recognise the community effort it takes to keep the school grounds looking great. Thank you also to Mr Fites, Mr Foxover and our amazing team of cleaners who work tirelessly to keep our school looking great. You can do your bit too! If you see some litter on the ground, please pick it up and put it in the bin – even if it is not yours. If our rubbish ends up in the bin, it doesn’t end up in the creeks, rivers and oceans.
STAFFROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IS BACK - HELP US WIN A $20,000 STAFFROOM MAKEOVER!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their Staffroom for Improvement competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

CHORALE CONGRATULATIONS
Chorale’s singing and Mrs Long’s conducting were stupendous!

On Monday 19 August Chorale, as the Metropolitan Regional Winning Choir, attended a showcase performance at the Brisbane City Hall with winning choirs from other regions.

The performance of Chorale was breath taking. Thank you for sharing your talents with the wider Queensland audience. The phone calls of congratulations that followed their performance were evidence of the appreciation by the wider community.

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You are warmly invited to join us at our fete.
Saturday 7th September 11am - 4pm.

Mansfield Primary, Ham Road, Mansfield

Rides for all ages
International food
Wood-fired pizza
Cold drinks
All-day entertainment

FREE ENTRY
All-day rides, amusements, and single rides included. Rides include: roundabout, bungee, bumper cars, and more.

Entrant prizes will also be there. Prizes will be drawn if you enter the draw.

Coffee & cake
Book & fashion stalls
Face painting
Crazy hair
Lucky dip
Show bags

Diving Australia is looking for the next generation of champion divers. Could this be you?

Diving Australia is looking for:
- Young people
- Aged 8-15 years
- Enthusiasm, determination, and a willingness to train hard

We are looking for:
- Experience in diving
- Aged 8-15 years
- Stronger swimming ability

Free entry to the competition are:
- Aerial diving
- Platform diving

For more information...
www.diving.com.au
**Canteen Roster**

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**Spring Holidays**

21 September to 7 October

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**Spring Holidays – 21 September to 7 October**
District Premiers!!!
Wednesday 7 August was South District Sports FINALS and Mansfield High emerged victorious in the following divisions:

**BOYS:**
- Rugby League – Year 10 (pictured)
- Soccer – Year 8 and 9
- Tennis – Open
- AFL – Senior
- Badminton – Junior and Senior

**GIRLS:**
- Netball – Year 8A and Open A
- Soccer – Senior
- Tennis – Junior
- Badminton – Senior

Metro Finals Dates: Round 2 – Wednesday, 28 August 2013

**State Representatives:** Congratulations to Hannah Mearns and Amy Schroter who have been selected as part of the squad to represent Queensland in the National Christian Football Federation Australian Titles being held in September in Perth.

**Well Done – Jessica Ashworth!!**
Jess was selected in the Queensland Heat Athletics Team to travel to Launceston, Tasmania and to represent the 14 years Girls in the Australian Cross-Country Championships on Saturday 31 August. Good luck Jess!

**EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT**
Well done to Jasmin Allen who went to the National Karate Championships recently. She represented QLD and won two Bronze medals and one silver medal. Great work!

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Friday 30 August – in the school Hall!!
$10 each – Tables of 8-10
Theme: Back to Mansfield
Prizes / Raffles / Lucky Door Prize
Signed Broncos Jersey
Autographed Lions Guernsey
Email: msg@mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au
Purpose: to enhance the opportunities for our students through sporting achievements at Mansfield by linking with our past.

**Schools Cup Volleyball**
The weeks leading up to the annual Toowoomba Tour from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th August, were filled with intense training sessions at 7.15am and trial games against Holland Park and Citipointe College. The Open Boys finished top of their pool before being placed 7th out of 22 teams after finals; and the Open Girls finished 2nd in their pool and played strongly to finish top 10 at the end of the 293 team competition. **Term 4 Volleyball Camp:** On a Saturday in Term 4, a skills camp will be held at Mansfield High Hall for interested players for 2014!

**Player Profile**
Frankie Devitt
Born: 31/7/1996 (17 years)
Starsign: Leo
Fav Movie: Lion King
Fav Food: Spaghetti
Sporting Hero: Neymar
On Friday 17 August, Frankie travelled to Sydney to contest the National Champs of the Brazilian Ju-Jitsu 17 years title; he was required to compete UP a division and emerged as the National Champion!
Mansfield Ignites
Mansfield Ignites
Musical Statues

Look After Our Little Buddy

Statues