FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This edition of the school newsletter celebrates all those students who make the most of being part of Mansfield High School. The many wonderful students who participated in the musical in both small and large ways learnt so much through the preparation, rehearsal and performance. They learnt about themselves, working with others and contributing to something greater than themselves. The students who have been involved in debating have excelld! Many people struggle with the notion of speaking in public much less forming an argument and persuasively presenting that point of view. Just stop and think for a moment of the number of professions where public speaking and presentation skills would be advantageous! Further to this, is the number of students involved in “V@M” – Volunteers at Mansfield! This allows students the opportunity to actively engage in citizenship whilst here at school.

Celebrating acts of citizenship is important and is something we want to do more of. The inaugural recipients of the Mansfield Star Award are: Chris Flomersfeld (for assisting a community member who was experiencing transport difficulties) and Kavisha Withanage (for her honesty in handing in money that she found in the school grounds.

Events like the musical do not just happen! They are the work of many dedicated teachers! Thankfully we have many of them here at this school. Special thanks go to Marg Overs, Rosette Sagner and the many, many other teachers who have made this happen.

Coming up soon is the school’s Presentation Evening at which we as a school showcase this school’s greatest attribute…the many wonderful students! This is a night where we celebrate the academic, cultural, sporting and civic contribution of students within the school. Please write Wednesday 24 October from 7pm in your diaries. Every student should be striving to achieve an award at Presentation Evening. To receive an academic award should be the goal of every student. Those who earn them are certainly deserving of recognition. In fact, many hours of work and study go into these awards.

Keep shining!

OP PREDICTION – YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12

On Tuesday 14 August, all OP eligible Year 11 and Year 12 students received an estimate of their OP range. We have used students’ results to date plus an estimate of QCS test scores based on historical data. Students also received a bubble graph which indicates their position in the cohort relative to all other students in each subject. An accompanying letter of explanation was given to students. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Principal, Ms Hamilton.

DEBATING NEWS

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Mansfield’s Year 9 Team Two debating team members who have progressed to the Grand Final of the Queensland Debating Union competition. This places them in the top two schools in Brisbane for their year level, and the only State school left in the competition. This is a truly wonderful achievement and testament to the wonderful cohort we have at Mansfield High. The team, which consists of Kruthi Bachu, Ann Carew, Tooru Nishido, Sophie Rawlins and Peter Truong, and their coach, Miss Watts, have spent countless hours both in and out of school time, preparing for their debates this year. Our school community should be very proud. We wish them well for the Grand Final against Brisbane Grammar on Wednesday 29 August at 6:30pm at Somerville House. Their topic is: ‘That we should legalise commercial whaling’. Our team is affirmative. Their progress is recorded at: www.qdu.org.au.

This year at Mansfield there were eight teams involved in the Queensland Debating Union’s Brisbane debating competition. Teams ranged from Year 8 through to Year 12. Initially there were four rounds of competition. To advance to the knock-outs, teams had to win three of their four debates. The debates covered a range of current topics and included at least one secret subject debate for each year level. Facing many schools, private and State, Mansfield’s debaters fought strongly in the initial rounds. By the time knock-outs arrived, we had three teams remaining: Year 9 Team One (coached by Ms Bosznay), Year 9 Team Two (coached by Miss Watts) and
Year 10 Team Two (coached by Mrs Bladin). All three teams advanced to the second knock-out round; however, Year 9 Team One and Year 10 Team Two were just pipped at the post. This left our Year 9 Team Two which is now in the Grand Final.

Well done to all teams involved in debating this year at Mansfield. You have done a wonderful job and made your school community very proud. Thank you also to all of the coaches; your input and guidance is always greatly appreciated. Keep an eye out for an update on how the Year 9 Team Two goes in the upcoming final and remember, debating starts again early next year so please come and join. Good luck and congratulations!

LOTE NEWS
In Semester 1, over a hundred of our students of French and Japanese participated in the Language Perfect World Championships 2012. The competition was conducted online and students had ten days in which to score as many correct answers as possible to questions relating to their language studies, ranging from grammar and vocabulary to cultural questions. Mansfield students enthusiastically participated in the competition with the following results:

Mansfield Score: 100 830 points earned
Questions: 283 727 questions answered
Global Ranking: 74th out of 802 schools
Category Ranking (101 – 250 students): 22nd out of 200 schools
Estimated time spent learning: 759 hours online learning languages

Top Achievements:
✓ 74th overall globally (out of 802 schools)
✓ 10th overall in Queensland (out of 90 schools)
✓ 46th overall in Australia (out of 504 schools)
✓ 22nd overall in the 101 – 250 students category (out of 200 schools)
✓ 11th in Australia for the 101 – 250 students category (out of 129 schools)
✓ 40th overall in French (out of 630 schools)
✓ 4th for French in Queensland (out of 62 schools)
✓ 5th in Queensland for the 101 – 250 students category (out of 23 schools)
✓ 59th overall in Japanese (out of 576 schools)
✓ 24th for French in Australia (out of 379 schools)

ELITE AWARD (10 000+ points)
Elijah Rousseau

GOLD AWARD (3000+ points)
Adrian Chau
Jacky Cho
Edwin Hsiao
Debbie Hu
Sharmin Kalantari
Tammy Lin

BRONZE AWARD (1000+ points):
Lana Bricknell
Ten Ten Chien
Michaela Gyasi-Agyei
Charlie Li
Anugrah Nair
Amelie Serplet
Antoine Vialle

SILVER AWARD (2000+ points)
Jordan Asmussen
Leo Cho
Adam Cocciolone
Nicole King
Lauren Mears
Sarif Shaikh
Jorien van Beukering

CREDIT AWARD (500+ points)
Nik Celebicin
Danielle de Fortier
Alexandra Gardiner
Anastasia Kapeleris
Joyce Lai
Susan Li
Anisha Mistry
Josh Monteith
Alexandra Radke
Tikhon Semovskih
Sukhveer Mohan Singh
Kelly Tran
Joyce Yu
Rakhshikaa Vijekumar
Lauren Warbrooke

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to the following teams for winning District Premierships:
Boys – Year 10 Basketball; Open Badminton; Senior AFL; and Junior AFL
Girls – Senior Badminton; and Junior Badminton.

Representative Sport
Well done to Ellen Christison for being selection in the Queensland Cross Country Team.

GUIDANCE NEWS
Automotive, Technical & Parts Apprenticeships
Students from all over Australia are invited to apply for the Modern Apprenticeship Program. For further information visit www.vantageautomotive.com.
QUT – Discover QUT during September School Holidays
Tuesday 25 September, 8.30am-2pm Gardens Point Campus
Wednesday 26 September, 9am-2pm Kelvin Grove campus
Faculties will offer course and career presentations and where possible tours of the facilities. Parent information seminars will also be held. For a full program and online registration visit www.qut.edu.au/study/events and click on Discover QUT.

QUT – Year 11 High Achievers’ Evening
The session is designed to provide students with practical study tips and advice to enhance study skills in preparation for Year 11. The workshop will cover learning principles, time and study management, information on the START QUT program and other QUT scholarships. Current QUT academic scholarship holders will give personal insights into their experiences as high-achieving students and their transition from school to university. For further information and to RSVP call Jana Penshorn on 31383181 or jana.penshorn@qut.edu.au.

SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE
Dental Health Awareness Week
Did you know that it takes two to three minutes to brush your teeth properly but most people only spend 30 seconds or less? At school this week we have had daily reminders about the importance of caring for our teeth. Helen our School Based Youth Health Nurse and staff from Queensland Health Dental ran a Dental Health information stall providing opportunity for the students to take home interesting information and win an electric toothbrush. Please see the Australian Dental Association www.dentalhealthweek.com.au for more information and the correct way to brush and floss our teeth.

COMMUNITY NEWS
P & C Meeting - Date Claimer
Thursday 25 October at 7.30pm in the Administration Block Common Room. All are welcome to attend.

Workplace Health and Safety - Expressions of Interest
The Mansfield SHS P&C Association would be interested in hearing from any member of the parent body who has experience working in the area of Workplace Health and Safety and would be willing to assist the P&C Executive unpack the changes in the new legislation as they relate to P & C employees and volunteers. If you are able to assist, please contact Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au

News from the Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens’ Associations
The Federal Government is due to release their response to the The Gonski Review sometime in the next few weeks. The Gonski Review found Australia is investing far too little in education and, in particular, in public schools and has recommended an urgent shift to a system that better targets funding to meet the needs of students and a substantial increase in the total amount spent on schools. Please register your support at igiveagonski.com.au or visit igiveagonski on Facebook.

CALLING HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS!
High school students from across Brisbane are challenged to capture a unique view of ‘sustainability in action’ for this year’s Green-Eyed View photography competition. Winners and runners up will take home awesome prizes including photography workshops and equipment, with all finalists featured in a public exhibition at the Bleeding Heart Gallery from 12-17 October. For further details, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/greenheartschools or email greenheartschools@brisbane.qld.gov.au. Entries close 28 September, so get clicking and submit your photo today!

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB
Soap Drive 2012
Why not start your Christmas shopping by purchasing some soap from the Rauchle Service Club Soap Drive! The natural handmade soaps from The Specialty Soap Shoppe 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! An order form will be attached to the next newsletter.
Queensland Core Skills Test

On Tuesday 4 September and Wednesday 5 September, most of our Year 12 students will sit the QCS Test. By covering the Common Curriculum Elements (see our Student Handbook Pages 86-87), our students have been preparing for this test during their whole school life. Over the last couple of years, this has also been done formally.

However in order to be well prepared for the actual test days, it is essential that students are well rested, well fed (good brain food), well hydrated and warm but not too warm. (The hall can be cold.)

It is essential that our Year 12 students operate as positive members of TEAM MANSFIELD! They need to do their best! We can ask no more of them and they can expect no more of themselves.

They need to: bring the correct equipment, read the questions, pace themselves, not panic, stay focussed, stay positive…and do their best!

Year 12s…best of wishes to all of you! You have the support of our whole school community!

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL
Future Leaders Eco Challenge

On Monday 20 August, Hillary Te 9B and Nimnaka Weerasena 10J participated in Future Leaders Eco Challenge at Cleveland District High School. Organised for Reef Guardian Schools by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the Challenge gave students the opportunity to explore how the coastal, marine and reef catchment areas are interconnected and reliant on one another to function. The students participated in a Student Environmental Council, sharing our projects with other schools, and toured the environmental projects operating at Cleveland High. A diver from Reef HQ, the aquarium in Townsville, spoke to the students by video link and took questions while giving them an underwater tour of the main reef tank. There was a number of other partners involved including Sea World, Healthy Waterways, BCC, Redlands Council, Diving Gold Coast, who conducted sessions and information booths for the students to access. It was an inspiring day!

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

MANSFIELD FAMILY TWILIGHT MARKETS
Mansfield Primary School community plans to celebrate spring this year with a unique and free family event, and invites 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! 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

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**Molecular Regeneration** by Joannah Underhill  
(76 x 76cm, ink, acrylic & oil on canvas)

We invite you to join us for  
**A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS: WHEN SCIENCE IS ART**

featuring artists Joannah Underhill and Dr Nick Hamilton.  
Ms Underhill, a local artist and cancer survivor, and Dr Hamilton from The University of Queensland’s Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB) will discuss the nexus of art and science explored through a collaboration that was named one of the ten most innovative in the country by The Australian last year. Ms Underhill will unveil her latest body of work inspired by her current art residency at IMB.

at Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) from 5.30 – 8.30 PM on Thursday 30th August 2012

Early-bird tickets are $65 each or four tickets for $250. All tickets will be $75 each after the 15th of August. Seats are limited. Enjoy quality conversation, cocktails & canapés throughout the evening while exploring GOMA’s latest exhibit “Sculpture is Everything”

Special guests include:  
The Honourable Ros Bates MP, Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts; and,  
Professor Brandon Wainwright, Director of the Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB)

Dress: Business attire


Enquiries: (07) 3346 2132 or advancement@imb.uq.edu.au

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**SAFETY IN CYBERSPACE**

**Seminar presenter**  
Brett Lee, creator of **ineSS**

Brett worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years. 16 of those as a Detective (predominantly) in the field of Child Exploitation. In his last five years of service, he was a specialist in the field of undercover internet child exploitation investigations.

The iNESS mission is to equip children, teenagers and adults with the skills and knowledge to enable them to use the internet safely whilst making them aware of their rights and responsibilities in the cyberworld. They achieve this through the delivery of unique and engaging presentations targeting empowerment, awareness and self-esteem. This powerful presentation delivers a simple message n a dynamic format.

Read more about Brett and iNESS at [www.INESS.com.au](http://www.INESS.com.au)

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**Wishart State School Hall**  
Mccrea Street, Wishart

**Monday 10th September 2012**

SPYO and registrations from 6pm Seminar commences 6.45pm  
Tickets: $15/adult/$25 couple/$40 family

Tickets can be purchased in advance from the school checkout 8.15-9.30am daily from 27th August or at the door

This is a Wishart State School Chaplaincy fundraising event  
Enquiries: 0411 121 995

**OUR CHILDREN LIVE IN A DIGITAL WORLD...**

WE MUST KNOW THE KEYS TO KEEPING THEM SAFE...