FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Schools don’t run themselves! It is perhaps true that the painting and maintenance in a school may not directly impact on the learning outcomes in a classroom. Liaising with contractors, conducting tendering processes and asset procurement may not be the very essence of teaching and learning which, quite rightly, is our core business. However, they are jobs that someone has to do, usually myself, business managers and other administration staff. That is why I am delighted by the Department of Education’s decision to grant us the status of an Independent Public School.

As a school this will enable us as to work through so many issues directly with the marketplace without having to work through the bureaucracy with its limitations and inefficiencies. This will uncork so many opportunities for us as a school. Whilst not universally popular amongst the Queensland Teacher Union membership at this school, I am confident that the status of becoming an Independent Public School will have very little impact on the life of a teacher or a student. Teachers will still be able to focus on students, what they have to teach and how they are going to teach it. There may be ideological perspectives held by some Union members that do not align with this direction that the school is set upon. Those staff members who feel so strongly against autonomous decision making and independence for this school are afforded the opportunity to opt out of the school and be given a priority transfer to another school. It is important to note that the School Council and the Parents and Citizens’ Association are in support of this exciting initiative and I am grateful for the members of each school body for their forethought and courage.

It was delightful to see so many students on stage at the recent Presentation Evening and Music Concerts. They were, quite rightly, acknowledged for their performance and excellence throughout the year and deserve to be acknowledged! I personally applaud them all!

Keep shining!

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2013 TOP ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to all of our students who were recognised for their amazing efforts and achievements at the Presentation Evening held last week. We are very proud of all of you.

Students are aware that it is a requirement for all students receiving a Subject Award or a Gold Award or above to attend Presentation Evening to receive the Award. However, if the student is unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances, they are to collect a form, complete it and submit this form to Mrs Anghel – Deputy Principal. This form must be returned by Friday 8 November. After this, a decision will be made whether the student will receive the award.
LOST PROPERTY

Once again the lost property box is overflowing. Please ask your student to check with the upper office as soon as possible if they have misplaced anything.

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

If you are in Year 9 or 10 and looking for something to do 14-16 January 2014, you should apply to attend The Science Experience.

Nathan Campus offers a fantastic array of hands-on workshops and exciting lectures in areas of forensics, chemistry, aviation, microelectronic engineering, biology and environmental science. Students will: solve crimes with Griffith CSI; engineer a bike light; extract DNA; investigate polymer chemistry; and delve into the world of biodiversity.

Gold Coast Campus has three fun-filled days of science focussing on Health and Engineering, areas of excellence at Griffith University, Gold Coast campus. Activities include bridge building, electronics, genetics, medicines and bodyworks. Interactive tours of the state of the art medical and dental schools are included

QUT offers three days to design your own bridge, glow in the dark, make and take home your own scientific instrument, explore the nanoworld, surf your body. Learn about everything from space to sprites to spectra from the experts. Test your skills and knowledge, awaken your inner innovator.

At UQ (St Lucia) you can discover the breadth and depth of science available at UQ with workshops covering a range of disciplines including maths, physics, genetics, neuroscience, anatomy, astronomy, health and safety science, agriculture and nanotechnology. You will have the opportunity to speak to researchers in some of their unique research institutes and centres and also hear from some top scientists discussing their areas of interest. You will test your general science knowledge in the Science Relay Quiz, create companies and make new friendships at the Supernova Disco.

At USQ (Toowoomba) students can look forward to understanding the use of dogs as a tool in science, fishing for our future, and increasing wheat yields in the face of climate change, as well as a star gazing evening, building plastic bridges and solving a ‘mouldy murder’.

COST = $115 per person

Send your application form to:
The ConocoPhillips Science Experience
PO Box 514
Bayswater Vic 3153

Enrol online at:
scienceexperience.com.au
Applications are accepted immediately online at any time if a place is available.

Send your application form to a Rotary Club if you're seeking Rotary sponsorship:
Your local Rotary Club may consider full or part sponsorship of the $115 or $150 fee.

ENGLISH NEWS from Mrs Bladin

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s ICAS English Competition. Special congratulations to our students who attained High Distinction. These students were:

**Year 8**
Sharon Yu
Michael Gunton

**Year 9**
Kiora Rybarczyk
Torielle Shay
Elinor Shay

**Year 10**
Alexandra Radke
Utkarsh Kiri

**Year 12**
Bethany Cave
Sam Cree
Reearna Janke
Joshua Rolls

I would also like to congratulate the 115 students who achieved Distinction in the competition. This is a wonderful effort.

The ICAS Competitions provide an excellent opportunity to examine student strengths and weaknesses. Students receive an accompanying document with their certificate that details their performance. They are also given a TAP number and PIN. Using these, and the website address provided, students can access further information on the student portal that provides details on their individual tests (for English, Mathematics and Science) and their development over the years that they have participated in the competitions.

MATHS NEWS

Congratulations to all Mansfield students who participated in the University of NSW Maths Competition. This year 21 students received a High Distinction and 178 received a Distinction. This is an excellent result. Well done everyone!
YR 11 FRANCE TRIP

The France Trip 2013 group returned safe and sound after a fantastic three week experience. The students’ version of events can be read in the soon to be published School Magazine but here are a few words from the teachers’ perspective. We were impressed by the students’ maturity and willingness to embrace new experiences and their ability to adapt to changed plans when it was needed. Equally impressive was their ability to spend money! Everyone has a highlight and although one of ours was touching down in Brisbane (relief at bringing them all back safely of course), we also have many happy memories of the trip. Sharing the students’ joy in seeing the famous sites for the first time is unforgettable. Our professional ties in Rouen were strengthened and we always love the three course lunches in the teachers’ dining room!

I would like to thank Mr Lachlan Hackett for his hard work and support on his third and final France trip. He is hanging up his beret. The position has already been filled and planning for France 2015 is underway. An information evening will be held in November for interested parents and students. All grades are welcome to this evening; however, students participating in 2015 will be from current Year 9 and 10 students. The date will be communicated soon.

IT NEWS

Microsoft Office Specialists

Earlier in the year Mr Casey’s Year 9 TIC Computer Education class tried something different to learn about Microsoft PowerPoint. Mansfield High School has become a Microsoft IT Academy. This has enabled the school to have access to a wealth of learning resources across a very wide range of Microsoft Products. In conjunction with this, a company called Certiport gave the school free access to Microsoft Certification testing software as a trial. The Year 9 class used the IT Academy resources to gain an in-depth knowledge of the use of Microsoft PowerPoint and then tested their knowledge by sitting the Certification exam for the product.

The result was that fourteen students successfully completed the Microsoft Office Specialist Certificate for PowerPoint 2010. This is a highly sought after qualification that is internationally recognised. At the same time, Microsoft was holding a Worldwide Competition on Microsoft Office with a chance to win a trip to the USA. Two of our students, Jordan Asmussen and Alex Butler qualified for the Queensland Championships. These were held at Microsoft’s Brisbane office in the city. The boys were by far the youngest finalists as the others were either senior or post-secondary students. They both said that although they didn’t win, they had a great experience and are now keen to add more Microsoft Specialist qualifications to their growing CV.

A VISIT FROM OUR PREMIER AND MINISTERS

Recently
- Premier Campbell Newman
- Minister for Education, Training and Employment, Hon John-Paul Langbroek, and
- Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts and Member for Mansfield, Hon Ian Walker

visited our school to make the surprise announcement that we were to become an IPS school in 2014.

They were treated to a rehearsal by our school production students and to the art work of our award winning students. Our students impressed them immensely with their quality of work, the way in which they conducted themselves, and their presentation.

Well done TEAM MANSFIELD!
ART
As part of the Brisbane Festival some of our senior Mansfield High Art and MAP photography students were involved in a Secondary School Photography competition again this year. They participated in a workshop with Brisbane photographer Henri Van Noordenburg to further their knowledge and skills in photography. Students were invited to submit an image in response to the theme: Brisbane Parks – Garden Cities and Urban Jungles. The finalists’ works were professionally printed and exhibited at the Judith Wright Centre shopfront in September and displayed on the large electronic goa billboards around Brisbane as part of the Festival.

Mansfield did extremely well again – Liam Hardie, Year 11 was runner-up and our other finalists were:
Ine Blakelock Year 12; Grace Wyer Year 11; Rusha Joshi Year 11; and Cara Scarpato Year 11.

Congratulations to all students who participated, but in particular, to Liam whose work can be seen below.

PAST STUDENTS OFFER ADVICE
This week the Year 12 students had a visit from four past Mansfield students, who returned to school to share some of their post-school wisdom. Elizabeth Connor, Ashleigh Mansfield, Natasha Abeysekera and Alex Barr are all following very different paths but offered similar guidance for the younger Mansfieldians.

- There is more than one way to get where you want to be.
- Stay focussed.
- Friendship groups change.
- Surround yourself with supportive people.
- You need to find balance in your life.
- If you are having trouble, find someone to talk to.
- Do what is right for you.

A huge thank you to Elizabeth, Ashleigh, Natasha and Alex for sharing their time and advice with us!

GUIDANCE NEWS
Scholarship applications
A reminder to Year 12 students that scholarship applications are closing soon (from end of October to mid-November). A range of scholarships is available including academic, equity, faculty areas etc. Please see individual institutions’ websites for more information.

QUT: http://searching.qut.edu.au/search/search.cgi?collection=cms-corpschol&query=&meta_r_and=domestic&meta_2_and=undergraduate
Griffith: http://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships

2014 Logan City Tertiary Educational Bursary
Students who are resident of Logan City who require financial assistance are eligible to apply for a $3000 bursary from the Logan City Council. Students should see the Guidance Officer for an application form.

QTAC – tertiary application
Students who have applied for one of the categories in the Educational Access Scheme (i.e. home environment and responsibilities, English language difficulties, personal illness and disability, educational disruption), will need to print the cover sheet and send the required documents to QTAC before 16 December. If students require an Education Support Statement from the school, students will need to contact the Guidance Officer in advance.

Students who have ticked the financial hardship category do not need to provide further information unless it is requested, if they have provided a Centrelink CRN number). Please note that students who have applied for Griffith courses, will also need to fill out Griffith’s Uni-Start Scholarship which closes on 15 November.

TAFE
Students who are interested in studying a certificate course at TAFE next year, should note that Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT) has a $50 direct entry scheme. This scheme allows students to enrol into most courses one week before it opens to the public.
Most diploma courses at TAFE require students to fill out a QTAC application. See Guidance Officers or contact the TAFE, if you require further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

P&C NEWS

FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2013
The final P&C meeting for 2013 will be held on Thursday 28 November 7pm at Southern Cross Sports Club, Cnr of Logan Rd and Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. All members are invited to meet at 6pm for dinner prior to the meeting at 7pm. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Sue Holley. sholl143@eq.edu.au or 3452 5337.

Environmental News
Last week, volunteers from the student body picked up their shovels and got to work on Stage 1 of the garden improvement plan. Students spent their lunch breaks planting the trees and shrubs into the gardens behind D Block and the Resource Centre. Many of these plants we received free from the Brisbane City Council for Arbor Day. Other students are giving their time to bucket water the plants while a new watering system is installed.

Canteen Redevelopment
With the introduction of Year 7 into high school in 2015 and the subsequent increase in the School population, the P&C Association is starting to investigate possible options for the redevelopment of the Canteen. This may involve the expansion of the current canteen or possibly the relocation of the canteen. Either way we need to look at the most efficient design to cater for the needs of our school and students. Any parents who are interested in being on a Canteen Sub-committee are invited to contact Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au or 3452 5337. We recognise that not everyone has time to be on a committee but you might have ideas to contribute. If you are aware of any Canteen models in other schools that work particularly well, we would love to hear about them. If you have any ideas, opinions or feedback please email Sue Holley. Students are also welcome to submit their ideas.

Students Receive V@M Badges
Our first crop of students received their V@M (Volunteer @ Mansfield) badges during the final full school assembly for 2013. To earn a badge, students are required to complete 2000 minutes of voluntary service. Tina Yau, a Year 12 student, has completed 100 hours of voluntary service this year. This amazing achievement was recognised at Presentation Evening when Tina was presented with a Gold Award for her Outstanding Contribution as a Volunteer @ Mansfield.

Beth to Shave for a Cure
The World's Greatest Shave raises approximately half the money the Leukaemia Foundation needs annually to fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research. This year, School Prefect, Beth Cave is celebrating the end of her high school journey by being brave and shaving. In Beth's own words..."I'm shaving to improve the lives of people like my brother who have suffered from Leukaemia. I am passionate about providing more reliable treatments with fewer negative side effects and I hope that one day Leukaemia will be a manageable and treatable disease like so many others have become in the past few decades. My locks aren't quite as long and luscious as they were when I shaved in 2008 - but I hope you can find it in yourselves to support me anyway!" If you would like to support Beth you can do so at school in term 4 or to donate online, go to http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/bethcave We will also be raffling the opportunity to cut off Beth's pony tail!

Marilyn Farr is retiring
After some 22 years at Mansfield High School, mostly as a School Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Farr is retiring. If you would like to attend an afternoon tea in her honour, please RSVP to Sue Holley sholl143@eq.edu.au. The function will occur on Friday 6 December 2013 from 3.15pm – 5pm at school. The venue within the school will be decided at a later date. Donations towards a farewell gift can be sent to Mrs Sue Holley.

SECOND HAND BOOKS
If you have second hand books that you would like to sell, you must provide a signed agreement form when you leave them at the canteen. Copies of these forms can be found at the back of this newsletter. Dates to drop off books at the School Canteen are as follows: Year 12 - Week Commencing 11/11/13; Year 10 and 11 - Week Commencing 25/11/13; Year 8 and 9 Week Commencing 9/12/13. Books can only be dropped off between 7:45am and 9:00am.

All books MUST have a signed agreement form accompanying them at drop off time.
All Schools Touch Championships
Over 300 teams and 3000 plus students attended the largest Touch competition in the world at Whites Hill. Mansfield High entered 5 teams and did a great job!
Junior Boys – finished top of their pool undefeated. They won through to the quarter finals losing in a drop off 2-3.
Open Mixed 2 – lost only 1 game in pool matches to miss the play-offs by a point.
Junior Girls – improved with every game to miss the play-offs on count-back.
Open Mixed 1 – played some great Touch against some tough teams. They are all Year 11 students who will be ready for next year.
Year 8 Mixed – enjoyed the experience throughout the carnival and improved both individually and as a team. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and sport.

Huge thanks to coaches from our school community: Sean Slinger, Luke Duncan, Vincent Prasad, Ken Ball and Ricky Biles. Thanks also to staff coaches who dedicated 10 weeks to practice and preparation: Ms Ash, Mr Williams, Mr Healey and Mr Waugh.

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT
Well done to Ms Joanne Ash, HPE staff member, who travelled to Adelaide during the school holidays to represent QUEENSLAND at the Masters Hockey championships.

Well Done Cara!
Year 11 student Cara Scarpato travelled to Tasmania during the September holidays representing the Queensland Breakers in the National Water Polo championships. Cara plays for the Warriors club at Carina Leagues and trains every Wednesday with games on Saturday mornings in chasing her dream of representing the Australian Stingers!

CONGRATULATIONS Pierre De Coubertin Year 12 student, Andrew Booth, is the successful recipient of the prized Pierre De Coubertin award presented for consistency and excellence across both practical and academic domains...

Player Profile
Andrew Michael Booth
Born: 30/9/1996 (17 years)
Starsign: Libra
 Fav Movie: Shrek
 Fav Food: Watermelon
 Fav Music: Red Hot Chilli Peppers
 Fav Team: Newcastle Knights
 Sporting Hero: Roger Federer
 Hobbies: guitar, piano
 Best Holiday: Ski Trip 2013
 Future Job: Engineer
 4 people you would invite to dinner: Roger Federer, Usain Bolt, Peter Figueroa and Wayne Bennett.

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Women in Sport Breakfast
Wednesday 16 October – an early start for 55 female students as they attended a breakfast at the Convention Centre with 800 other female sports enthusiasts. Channel 7 host Sam Busted interviewed athletes Jo Barrett (pictured with Eleni Metos), Jodie Fields and Jess Hall. Thanks ACHPER!
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Bank Account Holder's Name:             _______________________________________

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A few reminders...

ATTENDANCE
As the end of the year approaches, this is a reminder that students need to be in full time attendance until the following dates. If there is a difficulty, please contact the relevant Deputy Principal:
- Years 8 and 9: Friday 13 December
- Years 10 and 11: Friday 29 November
- Year 12: Friday 15 November (this is a QSA requirement)

The Senior graduation ceremony for students and their parents is at 10.45am on Friday 15 November. Parents are asked to arrive at 10.40am. The ceremony and optional morning tea will be finished before 12noon. Seniors are to be at school for a 9am start. Please bring a plate of food to share.

EXAMS / ATTENDANCE
Year 12 students will be on exams/study leave from Monday 4 November to Monday 11 November. After this, they must be in full-time attendance until Friday 15 November in order to receive QSA Senior Certification documents. This is a Queensland Studies Authority stipulation. Parents with a concern about this should contact the Principal.

STUDY LEAVE
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.
TRIVIA FUN NIGHT

- Win prizes per Category
- 10 Categories of 10 questions each
- Prize for Best Dressed Table
- Raffles and Major Cash Raffle

Date: Friday 15 November 2013
Time: 6:30-9:30+pm
Cost: $10 per person (incl. cheese and crackers)
Where: Mansfield Tavern-Garden Room
181 Wecker Road, Mansfield

Book your table (of 8 to 10): Call/text 0408193074

Rotary Projects Supported by Trivia Fun Night

- National Youth Science
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Science Forum
Year 11 Leadership Camp
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