FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the recent annual Presentation Evening the school community was treated to a very special celebration of student achievement. What our students have produced and achieved this year has been truly stunning! To recognise them on a night like this showcases the school’s vision of Quality Learning in a Caring Environment. With a focus on quality in everything we do within a safe, caring and disciplined environment, learning not only occurs but is also optimised so that students achieve to the best of their ability.

With a brief to celebrate and promote the visual and performing arts whilst recognising students for their many delightful achievements, the organising team led by Mrs Marg Overs, Mrs Sue Pritchard and Mrs Caitlin Anghel have brought together a very special night. Well done to them all.

Special acknowledgment should be made of all the successful award recipients; however special recognition needs to go to those who won a major award. Details of these will be elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter.

Keep shining!

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2012 TOP ACHIEVERS

Left to right:
Corneels de Waard -
* Student of the Year 2012
* Caltex Best All-Rounder 2012
* Leadership Award 2012
* Pierre de Coubertin Award 2012

Rosalie Petersen - Junior Dux

Annalise Hudson -
* Senior Dux and UQ Academic Excellence Award
* Foreign Language Student of the Year

Left to right:
Tamara Peacock - Mansfield High Musician 2012
Aisling Lane - ATSI Student of the Year
Naomi Rowland - Leadership Award in Music
Annalise Hudson - Foreign Language Student of the Year
Phoebe Williams - Creative Arts Award for Excellence
Alison Mau - Outstanding Achievement in Science
Tyler Nobelen - Outstanding Service for 2012

Missing from photo –
Abdul Karim Obeid - Information Technology Student of the Year
Left to right:
Cara Scarpato - ADF Long Tan Teamwork and Leadership Award Yr 10

Corneels de Waard -
* Leadership Award 2012
* ADF Long Tan Teamwork and Leadership Award Yr 12

Ashleigh Collins - Leadership Award 2012

Missing from photo:
Mitchell Atkinson - ADF Long Tan Teamwork and Leadership Award Yr 11

Left to right:
Corneels de Waard -
Outstanding Senior Sportsmanship 2012

Lachlan Barr - Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Missing from photo - Olia Burtaev - Best Sporting Performance 2012

Open Boys’ Cricket Team – Best Sporting Team Performance 2012:
Francois Laidlaw, Brenden Adams, Jonathan Margetts, Alex Barr, Reece Flessor, Joshua Yarrow, Andrew Booth, Marc Ball, Kasun Ranatunga, Aidan Dipietro

Absent from photo: Jordan Hicks, Jordan Kendall, Trevor Oliver.

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 have been told 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 and submit this form to Mrs Anghel – Deputy Principal. This form must be returned by Friday 2 November. After this, a decision will be made whether the student will receive the award.

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 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again the lost property box is overflowing. Please ask your student to check with the upper office ASAP if they have misplaced anything.
ART NEWS

Moviemania
We have had some wonderful success in the Arts Faculty recently. Some of our Year 12 film students entered the Moviemania student film competition. Mansfield students achieved first place positions for:

* Best Drama  * Best Thriller
* Best Comedy  * Best Documentary
* Best Children's Movie

We also gained several 2nd and 3rd place awards, including animation, acting, editing and production categories. This is an incredible achievement given they were competing against students from 22 other state and private schools.

Write About Art Program
In Visual Art we have had two students who have participated in the Write About Art Program. The program is a critical writing development program for Queensland students from State and non-State schools in Years 11 and 12. Courtney Melton - Year 12 (pictured right) and Rosanna Sains - Year 11 (pictured below left) were selected to be in a group of only 30 students, who worked with established industry mentors to hone their writing skills. Their final articles will be published in a full colour anthology by Eyeline Magazine, a leading visual art journal.

Queensland Youth Art Awards

The Queensland Youth Art Awards were held last week at Nudgee College. Schools are only permitted to submit a limited number of entries and the awards are open to both State and non-State schools. There are only two awards given per year level. A Medallion is the highest award and it went to Rosanna Sains (pictured left) in Year 11 for her art. Year 9 student Amanda Nuon (pictured right) received a highly commended for her cubist self-portrait. These are some great achievements!

ENGLISH NEWS

Spelling Bee Grand Final Winner!
Congratulations to School Captain, Corneels de Waard (pictured right) who has won the 2012 Courier-Mail Spelling Bee competition. This makes him the best in Queensland! Twenty-five students, Mrs Bladin and Mrs Holley had the privilege of watching the nail-biting Grand Final at Dreamworld as Corneels competed against the four other Grand Finalists in the Years 8-12 category. Ten words were given over three rounds with students eliminated in each round. Words such as ‘leucocyte’, ‘extemporaneous’ and ‘etiolated’ provided a challenge for the competitors. Corneels proved himself up for the challenge. He and his supporters celebrated by spending the remainder of the day enjoying the attractions at Dreamworld.

Lions Youth of The Year
Two of our Year 11 students, Bethany Cave and Reearna Janke (pictured left) recently competed in the Carindale Lions Youth of the Year Quest. Both girls had a gruelling day of interviews, quizzes, impromptu speeches and prepared speeches. They both performed in an excellent manner. The competition was very tough and they didn’t go through to the next round but Reearna Janke won the Public Speaking component, which is a great achievement. Thanks to both girls for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school!
Short Story Published

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Diana Mandic (pictured right), who has had a short story, School Days, accepted for publication in the Write4Fun Poetry and Short Story Competition of 2012. This is a wonderful achievement, Diana!

IT NEWS

Artificial Intelligence at Mansfield SHS

As part of their study of artificial intelligence this term, Yr 12 Information Processing and Technology (IPT) students have been building prototypes for autonomous vehicles using Lego Mindstorms NXT robotics kits. Students must program the robotic vehicles using RobotC or NXT software to navigate an unseen course while avoiding obstacles and complying with road rules. On a recent excursion to the University of Queensland (UQ), the IPT students discovered that the same robots are used at UQ across a range of subject areas from biometric data logging to engineering prototypes. The Manual Arts Department here has been using these robots in the Junior school for several years but the IT Department has recently purchased an additional six robots to be used for Senior and extra-curricular studies.

SPORT NEWS

Queensland ALL-SCHOOLS TOUCH Championships

Mansfield High’s five teams contested the 2012 All-Schools Touch over four days in week one of Term 4. We always experience huge successes from this carnival, most from the exposure and enjoyment our students gain from competing against elite competition. However this year our Junior Boys and Open Mixed teams made it to the Quarter Finals on the Sunday morning! Huge thanks go to our coaches who dedicated their time every Thursday afternoon from the end of Term 2. Thanks also go to parent/volunteers, Mr Sean Slinger and Mr Ken Ball, plus former students, Vincent Prasad, Luke Duncan and Ryan Pittt for assisting with our teams.

Open Mixed 2 All-Schools Touch 2012

Whitney McNall (assistant), Damien Webster, Tuan Tran, Aidan DiPietro, Andrew Booth, Sam Newby, Frankie Devitt, Yvette Kirby (coach), Mikaela Williams, Jenni Spencer, Tamara Lenz, Leonie Barrett, Ellie Slinger, Heidi Frommolt.

Junior Boys All-Schools Touch 2012

Kieren Bucher, Liam Rousseau, Lachlan Barr, Jake Slinger, Fraser Barrett, Hayden Moffat, Jaiden Cahill, Matt Terrracini, Alex Wilson-Bultitude, Alex Kendall. Absent: Sean Slinger (coach), Nick Kalpakidis (coach), Luke Hunter, Dylan Crosby
After lugging our over-packed bags across the oval, everyone was keen to board the bus and be on our way to Ewen Maddock Dam. The trip was one filled with a mixture of chatter, sleep, laughter, and, for those of us in bus three, the constant, yet rather pleasant sound of Vaughan’s ukulele.

Arriving at the camp, we unloaded the buses and made our way down to the central area of the camp. After enjoying a short lunch break, everyone settled into their cabins. It was time to start the activities! Group Alpha students demonstrated their canoeing abilities, while Bravo members self-navigated their way through a hiking trip. Group Charlie conquered the Sky Surfer wall, Delta discussed the meaning of leadership with the Deputies and Group Echo was challenged by the pole jump and unassuming low ropes. While most members of Golf were happy to simply make their way around the high ropes, Mary casually did the splits ten metres in the air. Last, but certainly not least, the members of Hotel scaled the dizzy heights of the giant ladder. We all enjoyed challenging ourselves and fulfilling the three goals of the camp: Leadership, Teamwork, Fun.

Friday afternoon meant recreation activities…free time! Some chose to try their luck at Go-Karting, while others played touch football, went swimming, kayaking or battled it out for the title of Wii Champion! That night, after dinner, and an inspiring discussion about leadership with Mr Sloman, students were each handed a tiny piece of paper with the name of an animal on it. We later found out that this was to be our team for trivia, and, in order to find our team members, we’d have to walk around the room making the noise of the animal. Anyone who wasn’t aware of what was going on would have thought Australia Zoo had packed up and moved a few hundred metres down the road and into the dining hall!
We were then joined once again by “Mr Sloman”, who very much resembled Mr Austen, and a rather aged Mansfield student named “Grant Mathews” (think about it!). After a night of tough competition and a few Academy Award winning drama performances by Clint, Mary and Steven, the Horses were proven victorious.

On Saturday morning, after a restless night for many, a few of us, some may say stupidly, took up the challenge of an early morning run, while others had the intelligence to sleep in. One person, however, sought solace in neither running nor sleeping. Sai’s answer to insomnia was to single-handedly set all of the dining hall tables for breakfast. The day was spent by all us engrossed in our allocated activities once more.

After a barbeque dinner cooked for us by the teachers, we dressed in our Olympic themed costumes, and were even joined by some famous Olympians, such as the Australian Netball and Hockey teams, for some dancing. The night began with team dancing challenges, including inventing a team Haka. After these challenges were completed, we practiced formal dancing. Steeped in Mansfield tradition, each boy danced with every girl, performing a series of set routines. I think I speak for everyone when I say that, although it was a bit challenging, it was really fun! After a record breaking attempt for ‘Most School Students Dancing to Gangnam Style’, it was again time to retire to the luxury of our bunks.

Sunday breakfast was accompanied by the sounds of Nicki Minaj and Reece Mastin, and was followed by the dreaded task of having to clean our cabins, as it was almost time to leave. This wasn’t all bad though, as it meant long, hot showers and soft beds! We then enjoyed two final rounds of activities before gathering for lunch for the final time. Speeches were given and very important awards, such as the ‘Prince Charming’ award given to Frankie for his superb dancing skills, were handed out. The bus ride home was once again filled with chatter.

Thank you to all the Year 11 students who were fortunate enough to come to Leadership Camp. You all contributed in your own special way to make it great. I think it’s safe to say that this camp allowed each and every one of us to connect in some small way. For many, it was an opportunity to meet new people, and even make new friends, and, for all, it was a unique experience that we will never forget.

This I credit to the teachers, who organised the camp and selflessly sacrificed their weekend to ensure that we were safe and that we enjoyed ourselves. Through their efforts we were pushed outside our comfort zones, learnt to put our trust in others and realised our potential as leaders. Special thanks go to the main organiser, Mr Healey, who also spent his birthday with us. To all of the staff, I am certain that all the students who attended would like to join me in saying a heartfelt, THANK YOU! Thanks also go to the 2012 School Captains and Vice-Captains for taking the time out of their studies and coming along and sharing the experience with us. To every Year 11 student, good luck for next year. Let’s make 2013 our best year yet!

COMMUNITY NEWS
The Great Debate
“Mobile phones should be banned in schools” - this was the topic for the annual Great Debate between the Rotary Club of Wishart and the students of Mansfield High which recently took place with the Rotarians victorious, for the first time in six years, by one point. Thanks must go to the staff members who helped the students prepare and turned out to support them on the night. Well done everyone!

P&C NEWS
FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2012
Thursday 22 November 7.30pm at Southern Cross Sports Club, Cnr of Logan Rd and Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. All members are invited to attend this meeting commencing at 6pm for dinner at the Club prior to the meeting at 7.30pm.

Rauchle Service Club
From Puppies to Guide Dogs
Read the next instalment in the lives of both Whim and her ‘L’ puppies by Alexandra Radke
Writer for the Rauchle Service Club

Puppies, one can’t resist them, especially if they are as precious as Whim’s graduating offspring. If you haven’t heard of Whim before, she is Mansfield State High’s sponsored brood dog from Guide Dogs Queensland. Her first litter, the ‘L’ litter, has produced some promising guide dog recruits. Mansfield students Tess Holley, Sian Gaebler and Alexandra...
Radke along with Mrs Holley and Mrs Farr were fortunate enough to see these pups graduating to the next stage of their guide dog training. Four rather large bundles of enthusiasm represented Whim's litter at the Puppy Progression Party: Lockie, Lara, Lambert, and Lily. Their puppy carers, who had raised them from tiny pups to aspiring guide dogs, were present to recount both their personal journeys as well as those of their precious charges. All in all, the party was a celebration of their persistence and the pups’ progression to fully grown guide dogs. We heard anecdotes ranging from the utter destruction these pint-sized puppies could cause to theirexploitation of charm in local shopping centres. Apparently one dog would respond to ‘cute’, as well as to her own name. However, Whim’s puppies carried an air of confidence and fervour as they were passed on to their new trainers. In the months to come, they will train for up to five hours a day before becoming guide dogs. We thank you for your support of Whim and her pups through your donations to the Rauchle Service Club. We hope that these aspiring guide dogs will not only change the life of one visually impaired person but also…you. Your donations made their training and indeed, their lives possible. Look out for the next achievement in the lives of these very special, Mansfield pups.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you to everyone who has supported Rauchle Service Club initiatives this term. Whether you placed a soap order, packed up books at the Rotary Book Sale or baked cakes and sold soft drink for the Musicfest canteen, your support is greatly appreciated.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL
2013 Executive Committee
Congratulations to those students who were elected to the Executive Committee of the Environmental Council for 2013.

- President: Heidi Frommolt
- Vice President: Elizabeth Scott
- Secretary: Nimnaka Weerasena
- Treasurer: Kate Holley
- Liaison Officer: Sian Gaebler
- Chief Publicity Officer: Cara Scarpato
- Publicity Officers: Kehan Abeysekera, Joshua Rosentreter, Rebecca Le
- Writers: Veronica Strela, Alexandra Radke, Joanne Hew, Crystal Seng, Victor Ma

We would like to thank the outgoing Executive Committee for all of their hard work during 2012 and wish the new committee and all members well for a very successful 2013.

Pauls ‘Collect A Cap’ Programme
We only have a few more weeks left to collect Pauls milk caps before they are sent in to be counted. Caps can be dropped into the box in the Lower Offices or given to Mrs Holley.
Thank you for your support in 2012!

Did you know...?
The Athlete’s Foot stores at Garden City and Carindale run a ‘School Rewards Program’. If you mention Mansfield High School each time you buy a pair of shoes from one of these stores, they will donate $5 to the school. This is something to consider if you happen to be shopping at The Athlete’s Foot.

Harvey Norman now has an online store to help schools with fundraising. If you prefer to shop online please consider visiting www.myschoolshop.com.au Each time you shop, they will donate 2.5% of the amount you spend to the school. The best price is guaranteed LIVE on the site while you shop! Happy shopping!

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE
Supplying Alcohol to Minors is No Minor Offence!
With the Schoolies Week and the Christmas season fast approaching, the State Government is reminding parents of the legal implications of supplying alcohol to minors. This year increased fines include a penalty of up to $8800 for the irresponsible supply of alcohol to people under 18 years of age. Under new laws introduced in 2008, adults must provide responsible supervision if supplying minors with alcohol to consume at a private place. It remains an offence to supply alcohol to minors on licensed premises or in a public place. For more information please visit the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation website at www.olgr.qld.gov.au.
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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 14 December
- Years 10 and 11: Friday 30 November
- Year 12: Friday 16 November (this is a QSA requirement).

The Senior graduation ceremony for students and their parents is at 10.45am on Friday 16 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.

#### Exams/Attendance

Year 12 students will be on exams/study leave from Monday 5 November to Monday 12 November. After this, they must be in full-time attendance until Friday 16 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.
Year 11 Leadership Camp
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