13 November 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the end of the year looms it is vital that we, as a school community stay focussed on the core business of student learning! The quality of the educational experience, not to mention the quality of educational achievement for every child, needs to remain the highest priority for every student, parent and teacher. Parents should know when assignments are due and when their child is sitting exams. That way parents can check on the drafting for each assignment, discuss the feedback given to their child by teachers through the drafting process and monitor the drafting process. Additionally, knowing when an exam is occurring allows for the systematic and regular study for that exam.

Every child should know the criteria by which they are going to be assessed and be very familiar with what an ‘A’ standard of work looks like! De-mystifying assessment, ensuring optimum clarity of expectation and making certain that assessment is made clear at the beginning of the unit are necessary. We call this ‘front-ending’ the assessment. Even in exams students should be aware of the types of questions that they may be asked in the exam. All assessment, regardless of what type it is, should be focused on finding out what students know and how they can use this knowledge.

As we near the end of the school year it is important for this school to have all remaining payments and charges payable to the school settled before the end of the year. This school offers a range of programs that rely on both government and parent contributions. As a parent myself with school-aged children, I too am attuned to the costs of educating children! If there are circumstances where parents are in a situation where payment is difficult, they should contact the Business Services Manager to make arrangements for a payment plan. We are committed to supporting parents in this regard. For the many, many parents who made sacrifices and met these commitments you have our assurance that your child will be able to experience the full range of additional opportunities for your child. We look forward to continuing to provide your child with this level of enhanced educational experience. Having said this, there is still a requirement for outstanding invoices to be paid. For the small number of parents who are asked to make arrangements to pay invoices for remaining balances, your attention to this is appreciated!

2013 STUDENT LEADERS

Back row: Andy Hsieh, Reearna Janke, Elizabeth Scott, Heidi Frommolt, Adriana Mageros, Hanneke Klooster, Sonja Roethlisberger, Simran Assan, Joshua Yarrow, Joshua Klatt

Second back row: Matthew Lynch, Andrew Booth, Amiel Nubaha, Anugrah Nair, Bethany Cave, Prahlad Payda, Sam Wildie, Sheldon Montocchio,

Front row: Vice-Captain Caitlin Thomas, Vice-Captain Mitchell Atkinson, Principal Mr Sloman, 2002 School Vice-Captain Lucy Reid, Captain Sam Cree, Captain Rosanna Sains.

SENIORS 2012 – FAREWELL

It is always sad but exciting to farewell our Seniors each year. This year is no exception. Congratulations to all those students who have done their best in various aspects of school life. The school community joins together to wish you a rewarding and exciting future. Best of wishes!
STUDENT LEADERSHIP (photo montage at end of Newsletter)

At a moving and inspiring Prefect Investiture on Tuesday 13 November, the Mansfield High community thanked the 2012 Captains and Prefects and welcomed our new 2013 Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects.

- Captains: Rosanna Sains; Sam Cree
- Vice-Captains: Caitlin Thomas; Mitchell Atkinson
- Prefects: Simran Assan; Andrew Booth; Bethany Cave; Heidi Frommolt; Andy Hsieh; Reemama Janke; Joshua Klatt; Hanneke Klooster; Matthew Lynch; Adriana Mageros; Sheldon Montocchio; Anugrah Nair; Amiel Nabha; Prahlad Payda; Sonja Roethlisberger; Elizabeth Scott; Sam Wilde; Joshua Yarrow.

We were delighted to welcome back to our School, 2002 School Vice-Captain, Lucy Reid as our guest speaker. Lucy was an exceptional student and School Vice-Captain and motivated our students with her address. Lucy is an inspiration and continues to be the shining light that she was when she was at school.

Year 12 Music Extensions students delivered a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem and a musical item The Sky, the Dawn and the Sun. We also delighted in the 2012 School Captains’ remarks by Corneels de Waard and the Vote of Thanks by 2012 Captain Ashleigh Collins.

We take this opportunity of thanking our outgoing Captains and Prefects for a great year and look forward to an exceptional year in 2013 with our new student leaders.

SCHOOL COSTS

Every school receives one annual payment per child from the State Government. For students in Years 8, 9 and 10 this is $111 and for students in Years 11 and 12 this amount increases to $242. In most schools this payment is kept by the school and used to partly fund a Textbook Hire Scheme. Mansfield State High does not operate a hire scheme. Instead we credit this amount directly back to parents. This amount is simply credited to the total amount owing on the invoice distributed in Term 1. For many years the school paid parents via cheque. This created an enormous workload for office staff in generating a cheque for every student. This was then exacerbated with the time office staff then spent following up on parents who had not presented these cheques for payment. This year we took the step to simply credit this amount towards the total charges owing.

Each subject a student studies attracts a Subject Charge. These Charges cover the essential materials and resources that every student needs to undertake the program of study being provided. Each subject has an itemised list of the resources and materials that are needed to deliver the subject. These Subject Materials Lists are available for parents on request in 2013. Included in these Charges is an IT (Information Technology) charge of $180 and a General Charge of $20 for items such as the Student Handbook and ID card. This charge is essential for us as a school to be able to manage the huge number of laptops, computers and other IT items in the school.

Obviously, schools are provided grants from government that cover the basic educational needs of every child! All parents and students need to be aware that the Student Resource Scheme Charges assist us in delivering a truly excellent program. However, if parents do not pay, it may mean that their child will be unable to be involved in events, opportunities and other experiences in the school that are above and beyond the basic curriculum. Some of these may be camps, non-curriculum related excursions, study leave, and some sporting and cultural activities. As a school we are deeply committed to providing every student with the very best educational experiences. It is understood that in this time of pressing financial situations and the ever increasing cost of living, that this is seen as just another expense. Our commitment to support parents and students is that we may be able to negotiate a payment plan. To commence these negotiations parents are invited to make an appointment with the Business Services Manager.

To assist parents in budgeting for next year the school will generate invoices for the IT charge, semester Subject Charges and other charges in weeks 4 and 5 of Semester 1, 2013.

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. They will be in smart casual clothes. Written and verbal details have been provided to students previously. NOTE: Mainly because of space restrictions, only close family may attend this function. Present students of Mansfield High will not be attending.

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.

Most Year 11s will be on exams/study leave from Thursday 15 November to Monday 26 November.
Year 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. 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 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.

REPORTS

The following dates apply:

- Monday 10 December - Year 12 References will be mailed out to students who requested them.
- Tuesday 11 December - Year 11 Reports will be mailed out to students who have fulfilled school requirements. Students who have not done this, will need to fix the situation and collect their reports. (Entry to, and exit from, the school is via the Administration only). Students must be dressed in neat casual clothing. It is vital that the school has the student’s correct address recorded.
- Wednesday 12 December - Year 10 Reports will be mailed out to students who have fulfilled school requirements. Students who have not done this, will need to fix the situation and collect their reports. (Entry to, and exit from, the school is via the Broadwater Road gate only). Students must be dressed in neat casual clothing. It is vital that the school has the student’s correct address recorded.
- Wednesday 12 December - Year 8 and 9 reports will be issued at 2.45pm in form class meetings.
- Friday 14 December – the QSA should mail out to Year 12s the Senior Education Profile which might include a QCE, Senior Statement, and if eligible, Tertiary Entrance Statement to arrive in home letter boxes from Monday 17 December. By using their LUI and password, Year 12 students may also access their OP and FP results earlier from 9am on Saturday 15 December online (www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au). However students MUST know their LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) and their password. On Friday 16 November all students will receive their student assessment record which includes their LUI.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The School Magazine will be distributed on the following days from A17 during lunch:

- Year 12 – Thursday 15 November 2012
- Year 11 - Tuesday 27 November 2012
- Year 10 - Monday 26 November 2012

Thank you for supporting the School Magazine in 2012. Once again, our entire publication consisting of 122 pages will be printed in full colour. If you would still like to purchase a copy, please pay $12 to the lower office and take the receipt to Ms Chamberlain in the B08 staffroom. Finally, congratulations to Ms Chamberlain and her team for this fabulous achievement.

BOOKSHOP NEWS…Booklists received by students this week

This year new books and stationery will be available online through Sequel. Students in Years 8,9,10,11 have already received copies of their booklists. These are also on our website. Any online purchases should be made by 7 December in order for your books to arrive in time for the new school year. We will have a limited number of new books available through the bookshop in January. The bookshop will still be open for some second hand books, but the hours of opening will be reduced as follows:

- Last week of holidays: Monday 21 January to Friday 25 January 7.30am to 12 noon.

UNIFORMS (NEW AND SECOND HAND)

These will only be available at our school uniform shop, which is located under the Administration building. Opening times are:

- Last week of school: Monday 10 December to Friday 14 December 7.30am to 12 noon
- Last week of holidays: Monday 21 January to Friday 25 January 7.30am to 12 noon
- First week of school: Tuesday 1 February to Friday 4 February 7.30am to 10am

The uniform shop is also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week throughout the year from 7.30am to 9.15am.

ART NEWS

MOVIE MANIA AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to our Film and Television students who received so many awards in the Moviemania Competition!
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS
Last week the IT staff replaced 60 desktop computers in two new classrooms as part of our replacement program. These computers have a 64bit build with 8Gb of RAM. Teachers and students are looking forward to using A15 and A16b with these faster computers and the new version of the Adobe CS6 suite.

This was a big undertaking at such a busy time of year, but thanks to the tireless work from student volunteers under the V@M (Volunteers @ Mansfield) program, this process was able to be conducted quickly and smoothly.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
Remembrance Day Display
Thank you so much to Library Teacher Aide Mrs Sains for the work she puts into our library displays! She helps make special occasions come alive.

Pictured is the Remembrance Day display with a multitude of felt poppies that Mrs Sains personally made in her own time.

MUSIC NEWS
Don’t forget...
Newsletter No 6 is now available for collection from outside of the Music Staffroom. It contains lots of important information about the end of the year.

MusicFest Awards
Congratulations to all of the Music ensembles that have successfully competed in MusicFest over the last few weeks! The results were as follows:

- String Orchestra – Platinum award
- Sinfonia – Gold award
- Museaus – Silver award

- Concert Band – Silver award
- Percussion Ensemble – Silver award
- Wind Ensemble – Silver award

Special thanks to the teachers who gave up their evenings and weekends to conduct and support the ensembles. Thanks also to all of the parents who provided a taxi service to the far flung corners of Brisbane.

Outstanding Musician
Congratulations to Year 12 student, Tamara Peacock, who was recently awarded a Licentiate Diploma in Music for Piano performance by the Australian Music Examinations Board. Three years of dedicated practice, resulted in Tamara achieving a High Distinction for her efforts. Well done Tamara!

SPORT NEWS
Prior to the Interschool Rugby League season this year, Year 11 students Sam Newby, Frankie Devitt and Tuan Tran (pictured right) completed a Level 1 Referee Course through Tim Rutherford at the ARLD (Australian Rugby League Development) Foundation in preparation for assisting the school competition. These boys officiated Junior level games involving Year 8 and 9 teams from schools in our District competition: Mansfield, Rochedale, Clairvaux, Cavendish Road, Holland Park, Bayside College, Mt Gravatt, and St James College. On behalf of our school community, we extend a huge thank you and congratulations to them on a job VERY well done.

COMMUNITY 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
Soap orders have now been packed and are available for collection from Mrs Holley in Admin. If your order has not yet made it home, please ask your student to collect it as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

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 Office 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. Samples of the most suitable choices can be viewed in the uniform shop. This is something to consider if you happen to be shopping at The Athlete’s Foot.

Parents have been asking what is a suitable style is. The description in the school Prospectus is: Black laced-up polished leather school shoes of plain, conventional design (with heels-maximum 2cm) and black laces – not leather sport shoes, no laces around the shoes, plain black with no silver or gold. Laces are to be tied tightly with a bow at the top.

Pictured is the Ascent APEX which satisfies these criteria. However, another shoe might be more suited to your child’s foot.

Harvey Norman now has an online store to help schools with fundraising. If you prefer to shop online please consider visiting http://www.myschoolshop.com.au/mansfield-state-high-school 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!

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