22 November 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week saw us fondly farewell our Year 12 students. There was a very solemn but beautiful ceremony here at the school and I thank all of the parents and families of the graduating students. The students’ conduct was impeccable and I am very proud of them. They will be missed; however we are all confident that they will go on to lead very decent lives, earning a decent living being decent people. I wish them well and best wishes for their future. I am grateful that I had at least one year with them.

For those students who remain here at the school we still have much work to do. We have assessment to finalise, reports to receive and it is work as usual. I have expressed my high expectations that focussed teaching and engaged learning continue to occur between now and the end of the year. It is not appropriate for students to be kept away from school to go on early family holidays and children should not be telling their parents they are not doing anything at school. While the work they are doing may not be assessable or reportable it is still important.

In every class and in every lesson there must be high quality learning occurring. Examples of this are: feedback on student progress, specific teaching around core concepts for future work, in-time instruction around elements of course work that students did not do so well in, and literacy and numeracy activities. These are examples only; however I hope the point is made.

We have only 10,000 hours of schooling from pre-school to the end of Year 12. Every hour counts!

Keep shining!

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 10 and 11 25 November
Years 8 and 9 9 December.

EXAMS / ATTENDANCE

Most Year 11s had exams/study leave from Thursday 10 November to Monday 21 November. They must then be in full-time attendance until 25 November.

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. Students have received an exam timetable that was to be signed by parents and glued into the Student Handbook.

REPORTS

The following dates apply:
- Monday 5 December - Year 12 References will be mailed out to students who requested them.
- Wednesday 7 December - Year 10 and 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 Ham Road gate only). Students must be dressed in neat casual clothing. It is vital that the school has the student's correct address.
- Wednesday 7 December - Year 8 and 9 reports will be issued at 2.45pm in form class meetings to students who have completed all school requirements.
- Friday 16 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 19 December. By using their LUI and password, Year 12 students may also access their OP and FP results earlier from 9am on Saturday 17 December online (www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au). However students MUST know their LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) and their password. Along with their graduation certificates, on Friday 18 November all students received their student assessment record which includes their LUI.

SUBJECT COSTS

It would be appreciated if all subject cost payments could be finalised this week. If there is a concern regarding this, please contact the relevant Deputy Principal (Yr 8 Mrs Hamilton; Yrs 9,11 Mr Brunetto; Yrs 10,12 Ms Clarke) to discuss the matter. Thank you for this.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At a moving and inspiring Prefect Investiture recently, the Mansfield High community thanked the 2011 Captains and Prefects and welcomed our new 2012 Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects.

- Captains: Corneels de Waard; Ashleigh Collins
- Vice Captains: Jonathan Margetts; Annalise Hudson
- Prefects: Alex Barr; Nicole Chun Tie; Clancy Daly; Amanda Earl; Jeanette Hew; Veronika Hleborodova; Justin Ho; Natasha Jarrett; Sheenah Jung; Juhan Klooster; Ameera Mahomed-Ismail; Trent Maurer; Tyler Nobelen; Matthew Pickham; Nima Ranatunga; Naomi Rowland; and Stephanie Tedjo.

We were delighted to welcome back to our School, 2001 School Captain, Nadia Haralampou as our guest speaker. Nadia was an exceptional School Captain and motivated our students with her address. Nadia is an inspiration. She continues to be the shining light that she was when she was at school.

Year 12 students, Annika Hinrichs, Nathan Booth, Joshua Bloomfield and Fiona Lynch gave beautiful renditions of our National Anthem and musical item *This is the Moment*. We also delighted in the Captains’ remarks by Brendon Leech and the Vote of Thanks by 2011 Captain Karlie Lenz.

We take this opportunity of thanking our outgoing Captains and Prefects for a great year and look forward to an exceptional year in 2012 with our new student leaders.

2012 Student Leaders

- Back row: Amanda Earl, Veronika Hleborodova, Sheenah Jung, Clancy Daly, Nicole Chun Tie, Stephanie Tedjo
- Second back row: Juhan Klooster, Trent Maurer, Tyler Nobelen, Alex Barr, Matthew Pickham, Justin Ho
- Second front row: Nima Ranatunga, Ameera Mahomed-Ismail, Natasha Jarrett, Jeanette Hew, Naomi Rowland
- Front row: Vice-Captain Jonathan Margetts, Captain Ashleigh Collins, Principal Mr Sloman, 2001 School Captain Nadia Haralampou, Captain Corneels de Waard, Vice-Captain Annalise Hudson.

2012 TEXT BOOK AND STATIONERY (NEW BOOKS)

This year, SEQUEL BOOKS will supply text books and stationery to our families using the following ordering options:

- Complete Orders Online at www.sequelbooks.com by Friday 9 December, OR
- Complete a hard-copy order form & return it to our school’s Lower Office in an ENVELOPE with FULL PAYMENT by Friday 9 December, OR
- In-Store & Late Orders can be made in Person, by Mail, Fax or Email (Details below).

Address: 4 BANK STREET, WEST END / Phone: 3255 1488 / Fax: 3255 1644 / Email: prepack@sequelbooks.com
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 4.30pm
Christmas Trading: CLOSED from 3pm Thursday 22 December 2011 to 8.30am Tuesday 3 January 2012

Please note:
- orders will be supplied on a prepaid basis only
- collection, delivery & payment details are located on the back page of the booklist
- packs can be delivered to your nominated address for $8 per address
- pack collection days at our school bookshop (beside the uniform shop) are from 7 January until Wednesday 18 January from 8.30am to 12 noon.
- packs will be delivered between Saturday 7 January and Tuesday 17 January 2012.

All students will this week receive a copy of the order form for their particular year level. Please note that French Immersion classes and TIC classes have different order forms.

IMPORTANT: These forms are also on our website (www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au). We have a new web address which contains a ‘d’ in mansfield.
2012 TEXT BOOK (SECOND HAND BOOKS)
Our school bookshop (beside the uniform shop) will still be open for second hand books, but the hours of opening will be reduced as follows:

Last week of school: Monday 5 December to Friday 9 December 8.30am to 11.30am
Last week of holidays Monday 15 January to Friday 20 January 8.30am to 12 noon
First week of school Monday 23 January to Friday 27 January (excluding 26 January) 7.30am to 10am.

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 5 - 9 December 2011 7.30am to 12 noon
LAST WEEK OF HOLIDAYS 16 - 20 January 2012 8.30am to 12 noon
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL 23 Jan – 27 Jan 2012 7.30am to 12 noon (not 26 January)
SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL 30 Jan – 3 Feb 2012 7.30am to 9.15am.

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

ENGLISH NEWS
Congratulations to Prisca Ochan of 8B who has successfully submitted a short story for publication in Oz Kids in Print. Her story appears in the August 2011 publication of the magazine and she will shortly be presented with a certificate for this achievement. Prisca’s story was entitled Some Dreams are Deadly. She employed some interesting figurative language. It’s wonderful to see another budding writer at Mansfield High School. Anyone interested in submitting work for possible publication (free entry) in this literary magazine can go to www.ozkids.com.au for further details.

SCIENCE NEWS
Australia Zoo Excursion
A reminder for Year 8 and 9 students: $35 is due for the above excursion which will occur on Tuesday 5 December.

ART NEWS
Year 8 Visual Art Lino Prints
Our creative and talented Year 8 art students have been working recently on creating lino prints. Birds were used as stimulus and students made a range of compositional and stylisation decisions to effectively resolve their work. Congratulations are in order for the successful works these students have executed. Some of the students’ works of art can be viewed at the end of this Newsletter.

Year 10 Visual Art
Year 10 Visual Art students have been working collaboratively to create artworks that respond to specific sites around our school. Found objects, constructions and materials from the site have been utilised to create ephemeral art installations. Students researched contemporary and twentieth century artists such as John Dalsen, Penelope Thompson, Andy Goldsworthy and Christo from whom to draw inspiration. The new approach to art making was embraced by our students who we are sure you’ll agree have created playful, innovative and visually interesting works. The students’ artwork can be viewed at the end of this Newsletter.

STAFF ACHIEVER
Mr Lachlan Hackett who has been a teacher at Mansfield High School since 1996 (before our Year 8s were born) was nominated by our school for the Betty Watts Outstanding Teacher Award as part of the Queensland College of Teachers’ Excellence in Teaching Awards to honour long serving teachers who have contributed to the successes in our education system. Nominees are judged on teaching achievements, innovation, creativity, and professional relationships within the school community. Amongst his many achievements, Mr Hackett has been a driving force behind our school’s Start Smart strategies, as well as a vital member of our French Immersion teaching team. Of all of the applicants, two were named as Finalists and four were Highly Commended. Congratulations to Mr Hackett on his High Commendation!

ZUMBA SESSION
Thank you to 2010 School Captain Ashleigh Mansfield who voluntarily conducted a Zumba session for our students. Those students present enjoyed the activity and might even join the classes that Ashleigh regularly conducts outside of the school. On entry, students donated a coin to go to charity. It was then donated to a lady who makes items for charities. With the students’ donations, Mrs Spires bought sufficient wadding fabric to help donate her time and skills to make covers for the humidicribs at the Mater Hospital. She was thrilled with our students’ kindness and came to show us how the money was used. Thank you Mrs Spires for the community service that you do.
GUIDANCE NEWS
Mater Diploma of Nursing for Year 12s
Mater Health Services offer a Diploma in Nursing over three semesters to meet the requirements to become an enrolled nurse. The program is delivered within the Mater health care facilities and one floor of the original Mater Mothers' Hospital has been transformed into simulation wards and classrooms.
Total Fee: $15,990 (payment plans available). Applications close: 4 December for Semester 1 intake.
Apply online at www.matereducation.com.au/diploma
Further information: Email: diploma.of.nursing@mater.org.au  T: 07 3163 6657  Web: www.matereducation.com.au/education

Parenting and Enjoying Teenagers
When: Each Tuesday starting 7 February 2012 at 6-8pm over 7 weeks
Where: 27 Waterloo Street, Cleveland
Cost: $50 for the full 7 week program or $80 per couple (This can be negotiated.)
What is covered: How to be heard, what is your teenager saying, what is normal, how to survive the mess, consequences that work, managing anger, substance abuse, sex, parents’ rights, your teenager taking responsibility, and more…
For information or enrolment, please contact Janis (BABI Youth and Family Services Administration Worker by phoning 3393 4176 extension 11.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS
Parents and Citizens’ Association’s Meeting: Thursday 24 November 7.30pm at Southern Cross Sports Club, Klumpp Road, Mount Gravatt.
All members and friends are welcome to attend the final P & C meeting for this year held at the Southern Cross Club. Dinner will precede the meeting at 6pm for all of those wishing to attend.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL
Mobile Muster
This will be the final week to get your old mobile phones and accessories to the Resource Centre for inclusion in this year’s Muster.

Great Barrier Reef – Reef Guardians
Mansfield High is proud to be a Reef Guardian School. You may wonder why an urban school feels strongly about being a Reef Guardian School. Bulimba Creek runs through our property and this creek directly feeds into Moreton Bay and thus affects the marine life and waters off the Coast of Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef. Every scrap of rubbish that flows through Bulimba Creek can affect the Reef. We believe all Brisbane waterways should be clean and healthy to ensure the safety of our Reef and coastal waters. The cleaner and greener we become as a school impacts on our environment in a positive manner. Not only is our water precious but so too is our marine life – much of our marine life is endangered by plastic ingested from our creeks. We can all help – no litter is the only policy.

CHAPLAINCY AT MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
This has been another great year with Chaplain Ben Cherry. At present Ben is at the Gold Coast helping to look after Year 12 Schoolies. (I am sure our students will enjoy visiting Ben). Some of the highlights of the year include: Chaplaincy Day; Shine and Strength Programmes; assistance to families in need; camps; staff afternoon tea; a record breaking 40 Hour Famine with a total of over $12,000 raised by many hundreds of our students; breakfast programmes; interesting and motivational speakers for Religious Education; parents prayer group; student led Christian group; and most importantly, Ben has been a friend and supporter of every student and staff member in our School.
At the request of the P & C, we have just completed and submitted an application to the Federal Government for a continuation of financial support of two days per week for our Chaplain. We look forward to a successful outcome for this application. Our School community is still responsible for the cost of the further three days per week and I am delighted to advise that we have achieved our target for this year. We look forward with anticipation to another great year with Chappy Ben and your continued support of the work he is doing.
PLEASE NOTE THAT MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL PREFERENCES PAYMENTS MADE BY INTERNET BANKING OR EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS TO HELP MINIMISE FEES CHARGED BY THE BANK WHEN PROCESSING CHEQUES AND CASH.

Paying By Internet Banking - Direct Payment Into School Bank Account

- School's Bank Account Name: Mansfield State High School General A/C
- BSB Number: 064 118 CBA Branch Mount Gravatt
- Account Number: 00090257
- Reference/Details: Please record both “Student Surname, Year Level AND Activity” in the reference/details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly.

NOTE: If no activity is supplied, payments will be applied to the oldest debt for that Family/Customer ID.
Year 10
Visual Art

Simran Assan, Phyllis Yaw, Daniel Foster
and Ashley Van Der Walt
Year 10 Visual Art

Debbie Hu, Laura Buckley and Tammy Finch

Jasmine Simmons, Tina Yau and Laura Buckley

Mallory Griffiths, Mikayla June and Ebru Kostelego

Jessy Yu, Anny Meng and Maxine Koon

Paige Lawton, Courtney Friedrichs, Rhiannon Barr and Rosanna Sains
Year 8 Visual Art
Lino Prints

Christina Shin

Davina Tan

Elijah Rousseau

Gigi Hau

Elijah Rousseau

Anne Van Beukering

Ivy Choi

Michelle Wong
Year 8 Visual Art
Lino Prints

Hannah Soen  
Haris Khan  
Jessica Luu

Kaisha Turner  
Kruthi Bachu  
Louise Charlton

Tiya Kazi  
Tooru Nishido  
Zoe Ross
Year 8 Visual Art
Lino Prints

Akos Remias
Claire Dias
Minami Naka
Maddy Foxover
Alexandra Radke
Ruby Barnsley
Se youn Park
Skye D’alton
Steven Luong