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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the summer holidays upon us it is important to say thank you to all the members of this wonderful school community. It has been another magnificent year for this school with many highlights. All you have to do is scan through past editions of this newsletter through the course of the year to see this.

Next year as we transition into becoming an Independent Public School, there will be an opportunity for us as a school to implement a new governance model that has the main goals of improving student and school results and cultivating innovation that can enable this. Importantly, next year we begin the work of welcoming Year 7 into high school. This has many implications for us as a school and we will all be working very hard to make this transition for students and their families as seamless as possible.

To all the staff members who are leaving us, we wish you well in your future endeavours; to all the students who are leaving us, we wish you well in your future studies and your transition into the world of work!

May you find time to relax and revitalise during the festive season and...

Keep shining!

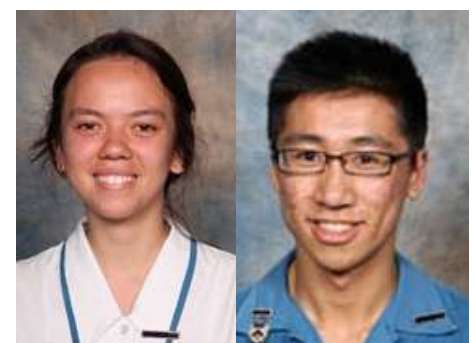
RETIREMENT FAREWELLS

After thirty years at Mansfield High School, **Mr Ken Lock**, Head of Department (Humanities) is pulling up stumps. Initially as a parent and then mostly as Community Liaison Officer, **Mrs Marilyn Farr**, after twenty years at our school, is also retiring. We thank both of these staff members for their enormous effort and for their dedication to the Mansfield High School community over the decades. The contribution of both of these people has been outstanding. We wish them much happiness and good health as they embark on the next exciting stage of their lives. Take a touch of teal with you! After such a long association with our school, it surely is running in their veins.



DELIGHTFUL NEWS

This year Mrs Sagner our Head of Department (Business) received a delightful email from 2011 Prefect Tim Liu, thanking her for her guidance when at school. Tim, and one of his Mansfield classmates, Janna Guy, achieved exceptionally when at school. They progressed to university studies. Apparently QUT awards \$5000 each semester to the top two students who elect to go to Canada to study. Of the fifteen or so students who travelled to Canada this semester, two of them happened to be Tim and Janna. Both of them achieved the top results for French in Year 12. However unbeknown to each other, both wanted to keep up their French by experiencing study in a French speaking country and separately they decided to go to Quebec! Janna has been studying engineering and Tim has been studying Business. Thank you to both students for keeping in contact and informing us about the spread of STEADFAST TEAL around the world.



OVERDUE ITEMS FOR 2013

In order to have reports mailed out (Years 10,11) or given (Years 8,9) to students immediately when they are available, it is essential that the subject costs and other school costs have either been paid or arrangements have been made with the school's Business Services Manager Mrs Sandy Ebert for their payment (phone: 3452 5310). All overdue items must be returned by Wednesday 11 December 2013. This includes items such as: assessment, library resources, borrowed items, borrowed money and required documentation. Please discuss this with your student.

ATTENDANCE

As the end of the year approaches, this is a reminder that **Years 8 and 9** students need to be in full time attendance until Friday 13 December. If there is a difficulty, please contact the relevant Deputy Principal.

SCHOOL WATCH PHONE 13 17 88

Please keep a watch on our school these holidays. Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

SCIENCE

The Science department is looking for donations. We no longer require parents to buy the book, but would like to collect a class set for general use in the Science department. If you have either of the following text books and would like to donate them to the school, we would be very grateful. You may leave items at the upper office for the Science staff to collect.

These are the items:

- Science and Inquiry Skills book 1 that has been used for the Year 8 course
- Science and Inquiry skills book 2 that has been used for the Year 9 and 10 course.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LANGUAGES?

The end of the school year always brings with it restaurant outings for our French and Japanese students. This year was no exception with Years 11 and 12 Japanese classes enjoying a selection of Japanese dishes at a local restaurant. Similarly, Year 12 and Year 10 French classes in both the Immersion and Mainstream Programs, experienced "des escargots" (snails), "boeuf bourguignon" or "île flottante" at a popular French restaurant. Musical delights were also on offer, as shown in the photo of the Year 10 French class.



FRANCE TRIP 2015

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the meeting last week. There was a great response. The deposit of \$500 can be paid from the first day of school until the 28 February. The expression of interest form must also be submitted. If you would still like to have more information, please contact Ms Sarah Fryer by email scout13@eq.edu.au.

ART SPEAKS JAPANESE COMES ALIVE! CONTEST

Congratulations to Year 9 students Lara Arellano, Narissa Amies, and Cristy Zhao for winning **3rd Prize** in the Middle Years' Division of this year's *Art Speaks Japanese Comes Alive!* Contest. Check out their wonderful entry, *Cycle of Seasons*, along with other winning entries, on the website <http://artalive.jpj-sydney.net/index.html>. This is a competition run through the Japan Foundation, Sydney, and we will be calling for entries again next year. Congratulations again to the girls who will be receiving a prize pack early in the new school year.

A YOUNG PREFECT SHINES

Congratulations to 2014 Prefect Jasmine Allen who has been awarded a grant and position in the RSL Youth Development Program. She received the grant for demonstrating outstanding leadership characteristics and representing Queensland at a national level in karate for over five years and achieving her 2nd Dan senior Black Belt ranking (International Karate Federation). In March 2014, Jasmine will be attending a leadership day and presentation dinner at Bond University where she will be presented with her award. A spokesperson for the RSL stated, "We received a record number of applicants this year and the calibre of applicants was particularly high. You should be very proud of yourself for this fantastic achievement." We certainly are. Well done Jasmine!



MRS OVERS – A CULTURE CHAMPION

Did you know we have our very own Culture Champion at Mansfield High School? Check out her profile on the Art Queensland Wall of Fame. <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/culturechampionswalloffame/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

STUDENTS' EFFORTS RECOGNISED

Rachel, from the *Smith Family*, and Margaret from the *Redlands VIEW Club* visited Mansfield High School last week to make a presentation to the students who participated in the *student2student* reading program this year. For twenty weeks this year, our students committed to reading over the phone with a younger buddy for 20 minutes, 2 or 3 times a week. The program was highly successful and our students were rewarded for their commitment with a certificate and a \$25 gift voucher for *Dymocks Bookstore* (provided by the *VIEW Club*). Congratulations to all involved.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS...

Each year companies provide us with vouchers and merchandise to use as prizes for our "Mini Olympics". This year we would like to say a huge "thank you" to the following businesses for their support.

- AMF Bowling Centre Cannon Hill
- KFC
- Red Rooster
- Domino's Pizza – Upper Mt Gravatt
- McDonald's Mt Gravatt

SUCCESS FOR FORMER STUDENTS

Former Mansfield High students, Stephen Dibb and Lisa Dibb (nee Ryan) are today the owners of Stephen Dibb Jewellery in Holland Park and Cleveland, the most awarded jeweller in Queensland. Both have very fond memories of Mansfield High and still spend a great deal of time with their old school friends.

Recently one of their designers, Kirra-Lea Caynes won the Emerging Talent category of the prestigious 2013 Diamond Guild Award (Jewellery Design Awards), which were held at the Sydney Mint. During her acceptance speech Kirra-Lea thanked Stephen for his encouragement, financial support and training. Her winning piece of jewellery art was a free-form white gold wrist-cuff featuring rose and yellow gold domes and included 109 diamonds. Congratulations to Stephen and Lisa on the success of their business and the support they are giving young artists.

See information at <http://www.sdj.net.au/sky-high-achievements-stephen-dibb-jewellery-designers/205/>

See other awards at <http://www.sdj.com.au/about-us/designer-jeweller-brisbane-qld/>

GOODBYE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I started cleaning out my office yesterday and nearly had a moment. I was on the verge of being emotional but not quite. It seemed like the last four years of my work at Mansfield High flashed through my mind as I disposed of old files and program plans. I realised how much I love the people and the community and how privileged I am to be a part of it. It has been an honour to be the school chaplain at Mansfield State High School. I have been the chaplain here since 2009 and as many of you know, this will be my final year as chaplain. I have had a 'dream run' here at the school and have sincerely enjoyed being the chaplain but I have accepted the position as the assistant youth pastor at Citipointe Church in Mansfield. The good news is that I am only five minutes away so I'm sure I will see many of you around the area. I have also decided to come in once a week to school during a lunchtime to come and see you all again! Thank you to the whole community for the overwhelming support. I will miss so many of you, but have hope that we will meet again. So goodbye for now. God Bless Ben Cherry, School Chaplain.



SPORTING GRANTS ROUND 3 from Senator Claire Moore

"I would like to remind young athletes and teams in your region to apply for funding support to help them realise their sporting dreams and compete in a championship. The former Federal Labor Government introduced the Local Sporting Champions program in 2008 to help our junior sport stars meet the costs of participation at eligible sporting competitions. Local junior athletes can apply for a grant to cover the cost of their travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment associated with participating in an eligible championship. This grant program is designed to help families cover the costs of expenses associated with participating in sporting competitions and support our junior athletes and future Olympians. Individual athletes and teams who are participating in appropriately endorsed state school sport championships or international competitions are also eligible to apply for support. I encourage parents, coaches and junior athletes at your school to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant to help them meet the costs of their involvement in a sporting championship. The Local Sporting Champions program offers grants of \$500 for individuals and \$3000 for teams. Applications for round 3 close on 28th February, 2014. For more information on the Local Sporting Champions program visit the Australian Sports Commission website: www.ausport.gov.au/champions. Alternatively, you can contact my electorate office on 3252 7101."

PARENTS / CARERS OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 8&10 WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THEIR 2013 SCHOOL- BASED IMMUNISATIONS

Parents/carers of children in Years 8 and 10 who have missed their school vaccinations will receive a letter from Brisbane City Council advising of vaccination catch-up options and a vaccination due date. Brisbane City Council runs clinics to immunise students who have missed their school vaccinations. These clinics have strict time frames, due to minimum intervals between drug dosages. A catch-up period is offered for twelve months after the vaccine was offered. The catch-up vaccination is free at the Brisbane City Council's [children's immunisation clinics](#) or at your family doctor during this period. Your family doctor may charge a consultation fee.

Vaccinations are provided for:

Year 8 students for Hepatitis B, Chickenpox, Human Papilloma virus

Year 10 male students for Human Papilloma virus

Year 10 students for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough)

The student must bring a signed consent form when visiting a Brisbane City Council clinic. These are available on the Brisbane City Council website. Students can also visit the family doctor for their catch-up immunisation. In this case, parents/carers are requested to [email](#) the following information to the Council Immunisation Team:

- student's full name
- date of birth
- school
- grade/year level
- vaccine administered by the family doctor
- batch number
- date given
- doctor's details

By providing this information, your child will be eligible to receive subsequent doses through the School-based Vaccination Program. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas time. See you all next year. Helen, School-based Youth Health Nurse

This information is sourced from <http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community/community-safety/councils-immunisation-clinics/council-immunisation-clinic-eligibility/index.htm>

FROM THE BSM (BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER)

As we are preparing for 2014, I would like to send out a big thank you to all parents who have signed and returned the Student Resource Scheme forms and for contacting us regarding payment plans to lighten the burden of having to pay for subject levies in one lump sum; this will help to make our transition into 2014 much easier.

I am glad that parents phoned or emailed me to discuss any concerns they had regarding payment issues and am more than happy to make myself available to clarify any confusion that this paperwork can create.

This week we have taken delivery of two new EFTPOS machines in the lower Office. These machines now have a *paywave* facility which should streamline waiting time and be more convenient for parents and students. This will also allow us to accept credit card payment for the DGR Building and Library funds. Parents and Local Businesses that wish to donate to the school DGR funds will receive a receipt for taxation purposes as these contributions are fully tax deductible.

FACILITIES UPDATE

For the safety of all of our students and staff for now and the future, BAS (QBuild) will be conducting a large program of asbestos removal from most of B block and parts of A block during the upcoming Christmas school holidays. **Works will be between 14 December and 13 January, during which time no one is to be within the school grounds.**

Also during the upcoming school holidays, the new three storey building for 2015 will commence on the top oval of Broadwater Road. This construction will hopefully be completed by October 2014.

Please note: Admin Lower and Upper Offices will be open for payments and student enrolments from 20 January. The best access will be from Ham road entering past the hall until the refurbished entry and car park to the administration block is completed by early February.

G Block has undertaken some changes with garden beds and a new set of stairs being built to allow safe passage to our students who catch buses each afternoon. Students are to stay under cover until their bus arrives and they should then proceed up the steps to board the bus as directed by the member of staff on bus duty that day. We hope this helps alleviate the safety issue of students gathering on the Broadwater Road footpath and blocking footpaths for general pedestrian traffic, whilst waiting for buses to arrive.

Our Library has enjoyed growth and renewal of resources over past years, thanks to the generous donations from parents and from the P&C. Every donation is appreciated. If you would like to contribute so that we can extend the library, all contributions made are GST free and are tax deductible. The Library Fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) fund that is registered with the Australian Taxation Office. The bank details for our DGR **Library Fund** are: BSB 064118, Account Number 10406498.

Our School has a similar DGR fund for Building Improvements including the construction of a covered grandstand over the tiered seating area facing the oval to provide a suitable seating/ lunch area for students. This type of project falls outside of the current government funding programs. The P&C is currently the only contributor to this Fund, but local businesses and parents are also encouraged to make a tax deductible donation to this Fund. The bank details for our DGR **Building Fund** are: BSB 064118, Account Number 10208790.

Please be aware that if you wish to donate to either of these Funds you can do so by using the Direct Deposit details as above with your Customer Number as the reference or by cash or cheque to the lower Office where a tax receipt will be issued for each deposit for your taxation purposes.

Book Shop / Uniform Shop...USEFUL DATES

Mon 9 Dec to Fri 13 Dec 2013	7.30am – noon	our school's uniform shop open
Thu 12 Dec & Fri 13 Dec 2013	7.30am – 10.30am	our school's second-hand bookshop open
Mon 20 Jan & Tue 21 Jan 2014	8am – 2pm	orders of new textbooks available for collection from hall
Mon 20 Jan to Fri 24 Jan 2014	7.30am – 10.30am	our school's second-hand bookshop open
Mon 20 Jan to Fri 24 Jan 2014	7.30am – noon	our school's uniform shop open
Tue 28 Jan & Wed 29 Jan 2014	7.30am – 10.30am	our school's second-hand bookshop open
Tue 28 Jan & Fri 31 Jan 2014	7.30am – 10am	our school's uniform shop open



Become an Intensive Foster Carer with UnitingCare Community.

We are seeking motivated and committed individuals who are willing and have the time to become an Intensive Foster Carer who provides primary care or respite care for children between the ages of 0 -18years, with extreme to complex needs. Intensive Foster Carer placements are required to meet the needs of young people who may exhibit challenging behaviours, a diagnosed disability and additional medical conditions or complications. Intensive Carers play a vital role in the lives of young people by including them in their family, by providing a nurturing relationship and safe and stable home life. An Intensive Foster Carer can be a full time 24/7 carer or provide respite care on weekends and holidays.

Please contact the UnitingCare Community Family Lives Program on 3363 2228 for further information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 9 December	Yr 8,9 Final week activities Bookshop/Uniform shop open	<p>Asbestos removal works are occurring between 14 December and 13 January, during which time no one is to be within the school grounds.</p>
Tuesday 10 December	Yr 8,9 Final week activities Newsletter available on website Bookshop/Uniform shop Yr 11 reports posted	
Wednesday 11 December	Yr 8,9 Final week activities Bookshop/Uniform shop open Yr 10 reports posted Yr 8,9 reports issued at 2.45pm	
Thursday 12 December	Yr 8,9 Final week activities Bookshop/Uniform shop open	
Friday 13 December	FINAL DAY YR 8 & 9 STUDENTS (normal school hours) Yr 8,9 Final week activities Bookshop/Uniform shop open Lunchtime: Yr 8 & 9 Form picnics with Yr 8 & 9 Form Teachers Yr 12 references and extra-curricular lists posted hopefully QSA posts Yr 12 Senior Profiles	
Monday 20 January	School office open 8am – 4pm this week Second-hand bookshop open 7.30am – 10.30am Uniform Shop open 7.30am – noon	<p>St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club Soccer Sign-on Day – Saturday 1 February, 2014 from 1-4pm at Broadwater Rd Uniting Church, Broadwater Rd, opposite Mansfield SHS. See website for further details. (www.stpaulssoccer.org.au)</p>
Tuesday 21 January	Second-hand bookshop open 7.30am – 10.30am Uniform Shop open 7.30am – noon	
Wednesday 22 January	STUDENT FREE DAY Second-hand bookshop open 7.30am – 10.30am Uniform Shop open 7.30am – noon	
Thursday 23 January	STUDENT FREE DAY Second-hand bookshop open 7.30am – 10.30am Uniform Shop open 7.30am – noon	
Friday 24 January	STUDENT FREE DAY Second-hand bookshop open 7.30am – 10.30am Uniform Shop open 7.30am – noon	
Monday 27 January	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 28 January	Year 8s and Year 11s at school + School Captains, Vice-Captains and TIP Leaders	
Wednesday 29 January	All students at school	
Thursday 30 January	Assembly for whole school during day House Captains' Meeting 1pm	
Friday 31 January	All year levels at school Senior Induction Ceremony 9.15am for all Yr 12s + (Yrs 8,10,11). Yr 9s have Form Meeting in Per 1 Period 3b-Lunch: Mansfield Sports Group "Red Chair Day" (select interschool sports for the year) Fire Drill Per 3 Summer Interschool Sport Trials Per 4	
Monday 3 February	Rauchle Service Club Meeting 1pm Instrumental lessons and ensemble rehearsals begin House Captains' Meeting 1pm	
Tuesday 4 February	Per 1 Yr 11 School Photos; Per 2 Yr 12 School Photos Environmental Council Meeting 1pm	
Wednesday 5 February	Per 1B Swimming Carnival nominations for all students in house areas Yr 11 Parent Evening 7-9pm MAP Block 1 Selections / Meeting; Per 4 Interschool Sport Training	
Thursday 6 February	Newsletter mailed to parents (available by email link after this) Student Council nominations due Per 1 Yr 8 School Photos; Per 2 Yr 9 School Photos; Per 3 Yr 10 School Photos Lunch: follow-up School Photos Prefect Meeting 1.10pm Music Information Evening 7pm Hall for parents and students new to the music program	
Friday 7 February	School Swimming Carnival at Chandler all day for all students Year 11 Legal seminar (Form – period 3)	

Carols
AT GATEWAY
OVER THREE NIGHTS

7.00PM
DECEMBER
22ND 23RD & 24TH
- BBQ & JUMPING CASTLE @ 5:30

Family
CHRISTMAS
SERVICE
1.00AM SUN 22ND
8.30AM WED 25TH
DECEMBER

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