FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This is the last newsletter for the year which marks a year of outstanding achievements, ongoing improvement and planning for the future. We have invested heavily in curriculum reform for the implementation of the National Curriculum in Maths, English and Science and planned for the 2013 implementation of History in the junior school. We have commenced our journey into further enhancing and refining our teaching practices and we are excited about developing our model of teaching. We are calling this our pedagogical model of teaching.

This year has seen over $1.2M spent on facilities in the school, the redevelopment of the multiple-purpose courts, the development of a landscape plan and the commencement on master planning the arrival of the Year 7 cohort in 2015. There is a strong indication that this will mean the construction of a building to increase our capacity as a school to cater for this. More information on this is to come.

We have said farewell to a wonderful cohort of Year 12s. We have seen many outstanding achievements during the year including State winners in academic tests, and in sporting and cultural events. We delighted in witnessing our very own Olia Burtava compete in the 2012 Olympics in Synchronised Swimming. Another of the most memorable highlights this year was Mansfield State High School’s win in the Queensland Debating Union’s State debating championship. This is the first time a State high school has won this event and is somewhat akin to winning yachting’s America’s Cup! In more ways than most people can imagine, the odds were stacked against us and yet the team of Kruthi Bachu, Ann Carew, Tooru Nishido, Sophie Rawlins and Peter Truong (coached by Ms Alex Watts) was simply outstanding.

The development of debating in the school needs to recognise the work of Ms Suzy Bosznay. As both a teacher and Debating Coordinator in the school, Ms Bosznay has invested many years developing the program and the win this year is a fitting finale as she moves into retirement. After many years in the Science/Maths Departments at Mansfield High School, Mrs Rush is also retiring. Along with Ms Bosznay and Mrs Rush, the school farewells and thanks the following teachers who have contributed so much to our school over an extended period of time: Mr Langmack, Mr Mihos, Mrs Crooks, Ms Kirby and Mr Bateson. Mansfield High School is a richer school because of their contributions. We wish them the very best as they embark on new journeys.

Thank you to all students, staff and parents for their efforts this year. I would like to conclude by wishing all of you a wonderful summer break. Look forward to 2013! Keep shining!

HARD WORKING STUDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED

Recently Rev. Peter Elliott from the Mt Gravatt Uniting Church visited Mansfield High to present the Lynne Foote Encouragement Awards in memory of a young mother’s selfless efforts to encourage others. The Awards are to recognise Year Ten students who have tried very hard to do their best either academically or in sport, but who have not received other awards on Presentation Evening. In the process they have been helpful to fellow students and staff. In 2012, 14 finalists were recognised. They were: Harriet Nicholson, Kieran Bucher, Hannah Butler, Lauren Elvery, Andrew Thomas, Emma Martindale, Roy Yu, Amy Schrotter, Jessica Summers, Brandon Heintjes, Ivan Dalida, Shylin Smith, Madeleine Rapisardi and Lauren Micallef. This year the recipient of the Academic Award was Madeleine Rapisardi and Hamlet Nicholson received the Sport Award. Congratulations to all of our finalists.
MANSFIELD SALUTES CANTEEN STARS

The annual Canteen Dinner to thank our wonderful volunteers was held last week and it was a very special occasion. Dedicated workers, Sandra O’Gorman and Debra O’Neill, have just completed twenty years of service at the Canteen. They have been a team since their children were students in Year 8 twenty years ago. Their students are now married with children but our wonderful ladies have continued to assist in the Canteen. This is dedication with a capital “D”. Several years ago, Debra came on board as a paid assistant to Rosalie as our volunteer helpers become fewer each year. The dinner last week was an occasion to thank our volunteers who make it possible to run the Canteen and keep the prices affordable for our students. During the evening Mr Sloman presented floral tributes to Debra and Sandra and Rosalie presented them with glittering tiaras that they had to wear for the night. Kelly Hudson and Karen Oliver were thanked for their many years of service to the Canteen. Kelly and Karen each have had two students at the school and they have now graduated. We sincerely appreciate the wonderful work Rosalie and Debra accomplish to make our Canteen run so smoothly and the friendships made over the years with our volunteers can span a lifetime. At the beginning of each year we ask for parents to volunteer one day per month and we hope that next year, you might join our team of volunteers in the Canteen and we can thank you at a special dinner in 2013. In the meantime, Debra and Sandra were back in the Canteen the day following the dinner. We join together to say a very special ‘thank you’ to these very special ladies.

ATTENDANCE

As the end of the year approaches, this is a reminder that Year 8 and Year 9 students need to be in full time attendance until Friday 14 December. If there is a difficulty, please contact the relevant Deputy Principal.

REPORTS

The following dates apply:

- **Thursday 13 December** - Year 12 References will be mailed out to students who requested them.
- **Thursday 13 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.
- **Thursday 13 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 2.30pm 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](http://www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au)). However students MUST know their LUI (Learner Unique Identifier) and their password. On Friday 16 November all students received their student assessment record which includes their LUI.

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 29 January to Friday 1 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.

BOOK SHOP

New books and stationery are available from *Sequel*. A limited number of new books will be available through the bookshop in January. The book shop 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE CANTEEN HAS SOME OLD STOCKS OF PENS, PENCILS, EXERCISE BOOKS ETC WHICH THEY NEED TO SELL.

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 (Yrs 8 & 11 Ms Peterson; Yr 9 Ms Hamilton; Yr 10 Mrs Anghel; Yr 12 Ms Clarke) to discuss the matter. Thank you for this.

SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office will re-open on Monday 21 January 2012.
RESOURCE CENTRE FAREWELLS
We farewell two of our Teacher Librarians at the end of this year, Ms Suzy Bosznay and Mrs Gayle Crooks. After eight years at Mansfield High School, Mrs Crooks has received her transfer to ‘the other side of the river’ where she lives. We thank Mrs Crooks for the wonderful contribution she has made to our school, as both a Senior Legal Studies teacher and as a Teacher Librarian. Mrs Crooks was passionate about inspiring a love of reading in our students and spear-headed our school’s participation in the regional Readers’ Cup over the past few years. She was also instrumental in introducing our Year 8 Reading Program, MERP, to the school. We wish Mrs Crooks all the best at her new school.

We also farewell Ms Bosznay (pictured) who is retiring after 15 years at Mansfield High School. Ms Bosznay has been the driving force behind our school’s debating success and has been involved with debating for most of her time at Mansfield. She is also a long-term teacher of Foundation English and has managed the A/V side of our library resources. We wish Ms Bosznay the best for her retirement and future travels.

SCIENCE FAREWELL
Mrs Stella Rush has been a diligent and caring member of our community for many years. She has chosen to retire next year and our Science Department will sorely miss her quiet, calm and professional approach to all things Biology. She is the elegant lady of the Science Department and has provided much inspiration to new teachers to our department. We wish her well in her retirement which will include travel, gardening and Nonna duties.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Rauchle Service Club - Mater Children’s Hospital Visit
The Executive Committee of the Rauchle Service Club recently visited the Mater Children’s Hospital to present a cheque as a gift to the Mater Foundation for the benefit of the Children’s Hospital. This year the students were able to give the record amount of $2000 to support this worthwhile charity. Joan Bremner (who has a long association with Mansfield High School, as her late husband was the Science Head of Department at our school for many years) and Sandy Pettit from the Mater Foundation met the students and arranged for them to tour the Mater Medical Research Institute and see some of the amazing work they are doing there. This was a wonderful opportunity for students as the MMRI will soon be moving to a new centralised research facility at the PA Hospital.
Environmental Council
This Christmas season why not give the planet a present and recycle! If you want some great ideas for a more sustainable Christmas, please visit the Planet Ark website and have a look at The 12 Do’s of Christmas. http://12dos.planetark.org/commitment/

Are you doing your Christmas shopping online this year?
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!
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 of shoes can be viewed in our Uniform Shop. This is something to consider if you happen to be shopping at The Athlete’s Foot.

Parents have been asking what a suitable style for FORMAL SHOES 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.

The suitable style for SPORT SHOES is: Predominantly plain non-fluroescent joggers with laces and non-marking sole. Slip on shoes and canvas type shoes are not acceptable. Laces are to be tied tightly with a bow at the top. Shoes are to be clean and in good order. Boots are not acceptable.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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                | Yr 8 and Yr 9 Final Week Activities  
                | Uniform Shop open |
| Wednesday 12 December | Yr 8 and Yr 9 Final Week Activities  
              | Uniform Shop open  
              | Yr 8 and Yr 9 Reports issued at 2.30pm |
| Thursday 13 December | Yr 8 and Yr 9 Final Week Activities  
              | Uniform Shop open  
              | Yr 10&11 Reports & Yr 12 References posted home |
| Friday 14 December | FINAL DAY FOR YR 8 AND YR 9 STUDENTS  
               | Yr 8 and Yr 9 Final Week Activities  
               | Bookshop/Uniform Shop opened  
               | Forms Picnics for Yr 8 and Yr 9 students at lunchtime  
               | Yr 12 Senior Profile certification mailed to students by QSA |

SEASONS GREETINGS
We take this opportunity to wish all of our Year 8 and Year 9 students and families a safe, healthy and happy summer holiday.

NOTE:
School year begins -
• Yr 8&11 Tuesday 29 January  
• ALL here from Wednesday 30 January

Principal

YR 8 & 9 LAST WEEK GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCES

[Images of students engaged in various activities]
Mansfield High School
Afternoon Bus
Pick-up Points

Commencing from the start of the 2013 school year some District bus pick-up stops will change around the Mansfield High School.

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If students are unsure of how these changes will affect them or where to wait for their bus please contact the Mansfield High Administration Office.
(Refer to the attached map)