



# MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 1

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back for the commencement of the 2012 school year. Whilst many of us have been busy working at the school during the holidays, the school never feels the same without students in it. Therefore it was with considerable delight that we welcomed the students back, along with a new Year 8 cohort. Now that the school year is well and truly underway, it is timely to remind everyone that this school is focussed on "Quality Learning in a Caring Environment". This means that our focus is about ensuring that not only is learning, teaching, assessment and curriculum occurring, but that it is of the highest standard. Additionally, this learning has to occur within an environment where students are cared for and cared about.

This year you should notice that students are receiving their assignments towards the commencement of the unit of work and that this is accompanied by an exemplar response to the assessment item. This exemplar response to the assessment should be of the highest standard 'A'. This is then used by teachers and students to focus on the content required and the standards that are being required of students by teachers when it comes time to mark each child's assignment. During the course of the unit, the assessment remains at the centre of instruction for teachers and the 'exemplar A' forms the understanding and the aspirational goal for all students when they construct their own assignments. Sample questions and responses are used in exams. The purpose of this is to optimise clarity in every child's mind as to what is expected of them for each assessment piece and that they have almost the entire unit of work to focus on the assessment item.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the outstanding performance of last year's Year 12 cohort. Their OP data was exceptional! Congratulations to all of the students who achieved an OP1 and OP2. Importantly though, it is the performance of the group where over 1 in every 4 students received an OP of 5 or better and that 82% received an OP of 1 to 15. This is an outstanding result for the students and we are all very proud of them.

In closing may I say welcome to our new Deputy Principal, Mrs Simone Fuller, new teaching staff and all new families to our school. I look forward with optimism to the year that lies ahead.

Keep shining!

### RECEIVING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The School Newsletter will only be sent home via students to parents who request this to happen. A tear-off slip is at the back of this Newsletter. It must be completed and returned to the BOX outside of the Lower Office. It is anticipated that most parents will register to receive the Newsletter online. When it is available, an email with a link will be sent to you. To receive the Newsletter by email, please visit our school website [www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au) and under the *Newsletter* section, complete your name and email address. In addition to this, every second Tuesday, our Newsletter is on our website for viewing at any time.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

In an effort to make our school website as useful as possible to our school community, please inform our website coordinator Mrs Kylie Docherty if you have any suggestions about other information that you would like to see included. Her email address is: [kdoch8@eq.edu.au](mailto:kdoch8@eq.edu.au).

### YEAR LEVELS

As there are three Deputy Principals in the school, each of them has a responsibility for specific year levels, particularly with respect to behaviour management and general school issues. Should parents wish to contact a member of the Administration, it would be appreciated if they would contact:

- Years 8 & 11: Mrs Fuller
- Year 9: Mrs Hamilton
- Years 10 & 12 Ms Clarke.

Students have also been instructed to follow this procedure.

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

All students have been issued with a Student Handbook, to be used particularly for recording homework. The Handbook is to be kept totally free of graffiti, pictures, etc and, very importantly, used appropriately. Parents/guardians are asked to peruse and sign their student's Handbook each weekend. Parents are asked to read particular sections of the Handbook (especially Pages 1 and 2). Specific homework entries are required for every subject conducted that day. Any student who incorrectly uses the Handbook or who loses it, is to replace it immediately at a cost of \$6 from the Lower Office.

## SUBJECT CHARGES 2012

Information regarding Subject Costs will be sent home on Monday, 13 February. Please note the day on which subject charges will be collected for each year level, beginning on Monday 20 February. Costs are due by the middle of March. Where parents have students in more than one year level, they may pay these on the year level day of their choice. However, a sheet for each student must be handed in with payment. Payment can be made by Internet Banking, Eftpos, cash, cheque, or credit card. Cheques need to be made out to: *Mansfield State High School*. Direct deposit by internet banking is the preferred option.

## YEAR 11 PARENT EVENING

Wednesday 1 February 7 – 9pm

By the time you receive this Newsletter, this evening would have been conducted to allow parents the opportunity to learn more about your student's subjects and to meet your student's teachers. Any feedback about the evening would be appreciated.

## YEAR 8 PARENT EVENING AND STUDENT BUSH DANCE

Wednesday 8 February 7pm for 7.15 pm (starts at 6.30pm for TIC and French Immersion students)

All Year 8 parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. Students will have a great time at the bush dance, which is conducted by our Physical Education Department. The Information Evening for parents involves parents staying in a room and members of the Administration and all Department Heads moving from room to room to talk with you. You will learn extremely useful and interesting matters pertaining to you, your student/s and the school. At the end of the evening you will return to the Hall to see your students dancing the night away. Please come early enough to find a parking spot. It is always difficult. (NOTE: The evening for students in 8E, 8F and 8I, and their parents, will begin at 6.30pm in order to cover the TIC or French Immersion matters.)

## PARENTS DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING STUDENTS

Due to the heavy flow of traffic in Ham Road and Broadwater Road and the buses at the school, the rules are that students cross the roads at the lights or on the primary school crossing. **Parents are also reminded that when dropping off/collecting students, they are not to enter or park in the school grounds.** Parents are asked to support these policies. Please arrange to collect your students at a designated spot some one hundred metres from the school grounds. This will aid the safety of all.

(NOTE: Straight outside of the Administration building is a **NO STANDING** zone. Please note the **YELLOW** line. In addition to placing other members of our community in danger, if you stop there to drop off or collect students, you could also be fined. Please keep our community safe.)

**Broadwater Road Uniting Church Car Park:** The staff members at Broadwater Road Uniting Church have requested that parents and students **DO NOT** park in the Church car park during the day as it interferes with the daily business of the Church. Regular staff members have been unable to access their allocated car parks as others have taken them, ignoring the reserved signs.

## MESSAGES

Parents/guardians are asked only to phone the school with a message for a student in an emergency situation, otherwise the efficient running of this school, of some 1800 students and staff, becomes an impossibility. Matters such as where to collect students need to be discussed at home prior to students leaving for school in the morning. Messages for students from parents/ guardians **ONLY** can be passed on.

## LABELLING CLOTHING / RESOURCES

Are all of your student's clothes and possessions labelled? If items ever get misplaced, students need to continually check lost property at the Upper Office. Items are disposed of after three weeks if no owner can be found.

## NOTES FOR ABSENCES

Some parents phone our school to inform us about a student's absence. However for record keeping purposes, it is required that parents/guardians provide a **note** explaining the reason for the student's absence. It is to include: the name of the student; the form class; the date the note is written; the date(s) of the absence; and a parent/guardian's signature. Tear out notes are available at the back of the Student Handbook. If a student is likely to be absent for several days, the parent is asked to contact the school. Please see the *Student Handbook* Page 11 Point 3.4 for more details.

## HATS/ CAPS 2012

All students new to our school and all students in Years 8 and 9 must wear the broad brimmed hat. When on the oval or court playing a sport, they may wear the new sports cap. Other students may wear the hat or the cap. However the hat is the preferred option. The old cap is being phased out. This head attire must be worn whenever the student is not in a classroom or the hall.

## OPEN DAY

Our first Open Day for this year is on Tuesday 6 March from 9-12 noon. It is advisable that students not living in our catchment area attend this Open Day. The 2012 catchment area map is on our website. More information will be in Newsletters to come.

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2012

The School Magazine is a compilation of school events, student achievements and extra-curricular activities. It exists to showcase and provide many years of memories of the students' time at school often referred to as the best years of their lives.

Each year, the magazine committee members expand on and hone their skills further by producing a better magazine. At present, students are working on the layout of the 2012 edition. To maintain the standard of the magazine, we are pleased to announce that the magazine will be once again 110 pages in full colour. Further pages may be added if funds are sufficient. In order to make this possible, we require the full support from every family. In order to reach our target, we ask that parents pay upfront so that we are certain to cover the costs associated with producing such a publication. Hence, to do this, tick "Magazine" on the resource fees sheet and include the required payment of \$12.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to producing an outstanding publication in 2012 – one of which the Mansfield State High community can be proud.

## BUSINESS EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to Tim Liu (Year 12 2011 - pictured) on receiving The Corporate Partners in Excellence Scholarship to study Business – Accounting at QUT. The Corporate Partners in Excellence program is a unique industry-linked program for students who aspire to be future business leaders and provides the recipients with \$12 000 per year to assist with the costs of studying. Well done Tim!



## DEBATING NEWS

Debating is another outstanding extra-curricular activity that is offered at Mansfield High School. It fosters skills beyond the ability to speak in public. It teaches the student to take an objective view of current issues, to be aware of alternative points of view, to think on their feet, to work as a team and to develop leadership qualities. The positive benefits of debating for young people are recognised by the State Government which annually provides funding support to the Queensland Debating Union. Our Principal and the school administrators have always strongly supported Mansfield's participation in the QDU competition and in the past few years we have also hosted Year 8 and 9 levels of the Regional competition.

If your children are considering joining a debating team, it is important that they see Mrs Solah in G Block staffroom immediately. The fees for all teams entered into the competition are paid for by our school.

## ENGLISH NEWS

### Literary Excursion

The Somerset Celebration of Literature Festival is one of Australia's most enduring and innovative literary festivals. Once again, Mansfield High School is offering students the opportunity to listen to and possibly meet a number of authors on **Friday 16 March**. The bus will be leaving at 7.30am and returning at 3.45pm. The cost is \$20 for the day.

Students who have attended this Festival in the past have been extremely positive about the experience. As numbers are limited, the first 62 students to return their permission slips and pay will be able to attend. The final date for returning permission slips and money is **Friday 17 February**. Information letters and permission slips can be obtained from Mrs Bladin in G Block.

## MATHS NEWS

At the start of every year I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all students to purchase the computer program called QAX (Quest for Answers and eXplanations). This program contains 60,000 questions, each with fully worked solutions covering concepts and topics from Year 1 to Year 12 Maths C. For \$15 it is an excellent resource to help students develop greater understanding and consolidate their maths skills. The Year 8 and Year 9 TIC students use this program instead of having to purchase a text book. If you would like further information about this program please contact me.

Year 11 and Year 12 students who are studying Maths B and or C, I have been able to obtain a great price on the Classpad. This calculator is a very important tool in the teaching of this level of mathematics. If you would like to purchase this calculator please pay \$175 to the lower office early next week. I will be placing the order by the middle of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of school.

Mr Peter Broome (Head of Department – Mathematics)

## SCIENCE NEWS

If you would like a free chuppa chup (or similar), bring an empty square 2L or 4L ice-cream container to Ms Dann or Ms Jennings in the Science Department. All donations are gratefully accepted.

## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

### Textbook Borrowing

Many students this year will be borrowing texts through the Resource Centre. Please be aware that students are responsible for **ALL** items borrowed in their name throughout the year. The requirements of such borrowing are:

- ✓ Students must write their name and year in the front of each textbook.
- ✓ Students are to record all book titles and *barcode numbers* on pages 93 & 94 of their Student Handbook.
- ✓ Students are solely responsible for all books in their name and these books are **NOT** to be lent to anyone else. Students must ensure their book is not accidentally swapped with one belonging to another student.
- ✓ Lost and badly damaged books must be paid for. As the average replacement cost of these texts is around \$50, please ensure items are not damaged or misplaced.
- ✓ Drawing, writing or marking texts in any way in ink, pencil or highlighter is not acceptable.
- ✓ If a student changes subjects, texts no longer required must be returned before further texts are issued.
- ✓ **ALL** texts must be returned at the end of each year, even if you are studying a subject for two years. Students are to ensure that the books they are returning are those issued in their name.
- ✓ If text books are **NOT** returned or paid for, no text books will be issued the following year.

We would appreciate if these matters could be discussed with your children to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities in borrowing items from the Resource Centre.

## SPORT NEWS

### Interschool Sport / MAP

Mansfield High is involved in both Summer and Winter Interschool Sport in the South District Competition. Fixtures are held each Wednesday in Period 4. Summer fixtures will begin on Wednesday 8 February.

Interschool Sports offered include:

**Boys:** Touch, squash, volleyball, cricket, basketball and futsal.

**Girls:** Softball, touch, squash, volleyball and futsal.

Mansfield High won the South District Premier Sporting School in 2011 for most District Premier wins - an excellent achievement!

Students selected in interschool teams must have the full interschool sports uniform, be able to train once a week, pay the interschool levy (\$35 Home and Away OR \$50 Central Venue), and hand in permission/medical forms by the due date.

Students who do not do an interschool sport participate in the Mansfield Activity Programme (MAP) on Wednesday afternoons. Activities in MAP include academic/extension/support activities, sporting and cultural activities. It is important to discuss activity selection with your students, keeping in mind such issues as cost of the activity and your student's particular interests and abilities. Many activities cost nothing.

### MAP Selections Block 1

Students will be required to log onto <http://www.selectyoursport.com/man/login.php> to select their MAP activity. Students who are selected in an interschool sport activity should also select their sport on the site. Selections are to be completed by 9am on Monday 6 February. You are reminded that some activities have financial costs associated with them.

**MAP is an essential part of Mansfield High's curriculum. Therefore ALL students must be involved in an activity on Wednesday afternoon. Please make every effort to arrange medical/ dental/ physio etc appointments at some other time.**

### School Gym

The school gym is open to all students from 7.30 - 8.15am every day. New students, who attend, complete an induction procedure and are assisted with a program to suit their ability/needs. Students wear their formal uniform to school and then get changed. They are to bring a towel.

### Futsal

The State Schools' Indoor Soccer Championships are held in Term 1 in Brisbane. Mansfield will be once again represented by several teams. Training will commence shortly. Students are advised to consult the noticeboard in K Block for further information or to contact Mr Austen to express interest.

### South District Trials

District Sport trials will be held on Monday 6 February and Tuesday 7 February for: Volleyball Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Tennis Boys and Girls Open; and Softball Open.

Trials will be held on 13 and 14 February for: Touch Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Squash Boys and Girls Open; Baseball Open; and Hockey Open.

Trials will be on 27 and 28 February for: Basketball Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Football Boys and Girls Open; Hockey Girls Open; Netball Open and U/15; Rugby League Open and U/15; AFL Boys U/15; Surfing Boys and Girls Open.

See Mr Kalpakidis for details and forms.

## House Allocation

House allocation for all students is as follows by family name:

**A-D** Hammarskjold    **E-K** Gandhi  
**L-P** Schweitzer      **Q-Z** U-Thant

Our houses are named after people who showed great leadership, commitment, perseverance and aspiration in achieving their ideals (world peace). They provided wonderful role models for our students to emulate.

### House Captains 2012

#### Hammerskjold

Corneels de Ward  
Ashleigh Crawford

### Vice Captains 2012

Andrew Booth  
Kathryn Dransfield

### House Captains 2012

#### Gandhi

Jordan Kendall  
Deshika Kodikara

### Vice Captains 2012

Gemma Godsell  
Mary Holgate

### Schweitzer

Matthew Pickham  
Emmalyn Nicholson

Kyle Mellon  
Michelle Lim

### U-Thant

Kevin Spaleta  
Jacqueline Quach

Tuan Tran  
Jennifer Spencer

## Swimming Carnival

Our school's annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Chandler Aquatic Complex on Tuesday 7 February. *All students are required to attend, as it is a normal day. They are encouraged to swim, but all students are expected to support their fellow team members.* The cost of \$5 per student will cover entrance into the Aquatic Complex and transport to and from Chandler by bus. Money should have been paid to form teachers by now. A permission slip was sent home previously. Students wear their formal uniform. All students are encouraged to bring their swimming gear, as they have an opportunity to swim and gain extra points for their House at lunchtime.

## Cross Country

Cross Country training will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7.30am. Training will begin on Thursday 9 February. Training sessions may consist of: laps of the purpose built 2 km school course; trips up the famous King Hill; or interval sessions ranging from 1 minute efforts to 1 km efforts. Students are to meet under K Block in full sports uniform. Permission letters are available from K Block staffroom. In order for students to compete in the school cross country (13 March), they must have attended training. Special awards will be given out throughout the training in recognition of the efforts of the athletes. See Mr Langmack or Mr Kalpakidis for more details.

## Representative Sport

Congratulations to **Dean Madden** Year 11 who recently represented Queensland in Cross Country Mountain Bike. Dean has also earned a scholarship from the Australian Institute of Sport.

An excellent achievement by **Elodie Rousseau** in Year 9 who came first in the National Gymnastics Competition - Level 10.

Well done to **Denis Berberic** Year 12 who has been chosen in the Australian Soccer Scholarship Squad to participate in a tournament in the United States in February.

Great work from **Maddy Cooper** in Year 12 who represented Australia in Outrigger Canoeing in the Cook Islands during the school holidays. A great achievement!

## INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts **DOES NOT** have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Welcome to the first Guidance News for 2012. Our Guidance Officers are Mrs Karen Agnew (Mon-Fri) and Ms Lorraine Alcorn (Tue-Fri). Mrs Agnew can be contacted on 3452 5318 and Ms Alcorn can be contacted on 3452 5316. Students may make appointments by dropping into the Guidance Office at A Block, rooms 19/20 during break times. Parents are always welcome to contact a Guidance Officer on the above numbers.

The Guidance Officers offer consultation, assessment, intervention and a prevention focus to help students manage those issues impacting upon their academic performance and development. They are available to assist students with a range of academic and personal issues including subject choices, study skills, time management, post compulsory options and further study, including QTAC procedures, career decision making and counselling and other personal management issues. They team with administrators, teachers, parents and other helping professionals (both in and outside of the school) to ensure that every student learns in a safe, healthy and supportive academic environment.

Guidance News will aim to provide you with general information and notification of a range of events relevant to students. Guidance News will also aim to provide regular up-dates on opportunities for young people and other topics of special interest to students and parents as the academic year progresses.

## Reflective Parenting

A Strengths Based Approach to Parenting over seven weeks at Kyabra Community Association, Kyabra Street Runcorn from Tuesday 14 February to Tuesday 27 March 10am-12.30pm

During the course parents will discover their own strengths and resources towards supporting their parenting picture of the future. This group will offer parents the opportunity to:

- ✓ Hear and share other people's stories of parenting
- ✓ Use art, creative writing, music and discussion
- ✓ Explore your parental picture
- ✓ Create your personal safety first aid kit for your individual parenting trail
- ✓ Enhance your particular style of parenting
- ✓ Join with others to have fun, relax and share in a safe environment and to increase connection with other parents
- ✓ Have the opportunity to reflect on patterns of parenting that may no longer fit with the parent you want to be.

Limited transport assistance and childcare available on request. Light Morning tea will be provided for group members.

Please RSVP to: Trish Landsberger - 3373 9435 mob 0439 949 700 or Jean Tally - 3373 9499 mob 0403 152 436.



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

### Welcome to Mansfield High

A very warm welcome is extended to all members of the Mansfield School Community in 2012. We would especially like to welcome those who are new to Mansfield High. One such person is Acting Deputy Principal, Mrs Simone Fuller. Mrs Fuller has been an educator for 23 years and comes to us from Pacific Pines State High School on the Gold Coast. Prior to this, she spent three years as the Head of Middle School at the Australian International School in Singapore. Mrs Fuller is very excited to be here.

On the first day of school we welcomed 347 Year 8 students. We thoroughly enjoyed our traditional 'sausage sizzle' under K Block. A special thank you must go to the Captains and the TIP leaders who worked so hard to make the day a success for our newest students. We look forward to meeting all of our new families and encourage everyone to take advantage of the great opportunities offered at our School. We hope you enjoy the pictorial highlights of our first day activities at the end of this Newsletter.

## School Student Leaders 2012

Pictured are our 2012 school leaders: Captains Ashleigh Collins and Corneels de Waard and Vice Captains Jonathan Margetts and Annalise Hudson. Already they have demonstrated a caring and keen presence. Their DVD introduction of themselves and the Prefect body at a recent assembly was professional, informative and entertaining. These students will lead the student body. The Captains will also head the Student Council which consists of two elected student representatives from each year form class.



The initiative of the Prefect body to date augers well for an awesome year!

## Student 2011 Academic Achievements

Congratulations to eight of our 2011 Year 12 students who achieved OP1 results. Shuatha Cassim, Aron Cheung, Joel Khouri, Joel Lowe, Chris McMillan, Sian Morrison, Grace Ngu and Ryan Sheldrake are celebrating the results of their hard work and looking forward to the new challenges that University will bring. Their plans for the future are as follows -

- ✓ Shuatha Cassim – Bachelor of Medicine (UQ) – UQ Academic Excellence Scholarship
- ✓ Aron Cheung – Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Law (UQ)
- ✓ Joel Khouri (Senior Dux 2011) – Bachelor of Engineering (UQ) – UQ Academic Excellence Scholarship
- ✓ Joel Lowe – Bachelor of Engineering (QUT) – Dean's Scholars Programme
- ✓ Chris McMillan – Bachelor of Engineering (UQ)
- ✓ Sian Morrison – Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Science (UQ)
- ✓ Grace Ngu - Grace is considering various course options.
- ✓ Ryan Sheldrake – International Law

A total of 82% of OP eligible students achieved an OP between 1 and 15. This is a new record for Mansfield High. We would like to congratulate all of the 2011 seniors on a fabulous result and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Photo (left to right): Aron Cheung, Joel Lowe, Sian Morrison, Joel Khouri, Shuatha Cassim.  
Inserts (left to right): Chris McMillan, Grace Ngu, Ryan Sheldrake.



### Special Award for Mansfield Student

At the end of last year, Socrates Aronis (Year 12) was awarded the Australian Hellenic Educational Progressive Associations' Student of the Year (Senior Student) award for 2011, ahead of a number of other students from Brisbane State High and some of Brisbane's elite private schools. Socrates, who is studying his sixth subject, Greek, externally, was nominated by his teacher for his academic results, his strong work ethic and his positive attitude. Socrates received a certificate as well as a monetary prize. Congratulations Socrates!



### Welcome – School Community Liaison Officer

We extend a very warm Mansfield High welcome to Mrs Sue Holley as our School Community Liaison Officer. Mrs Holley is a parent of our School as well as having excellent credentials for carrying out the duties of the School Liaison Officer. Mrs Holley and her family are involved in the School Music Programme and her work experience includes being a Primary School Teacher, High School English and Geography Teacher and Manager of youth choir, *Resonance of Birralee*. Mrs Holley is excited about her new position and is looking forward to meeting all of the students and their families over the coming months and years. She will be at the School four days per week including Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Holley may be contacted by phone on 3452 5337 or email [sholl143@eq.edu.au](mailto:sholl143@eq.edu.au).

Mrs Farr will be at the School on Thursdays and may be contacted on 3452 5337 or email [mfarr42@eq.edu.au](mailto:mfarr42@eq.edu.au) and her new title is *School Relations Officer*.



### Canteen (Tuckshop) - Healthy and Delicious

Mansfield's 'Healthy Canteen' continues to be a huge success under the progressive leadership of our fabulous Canteen Convenor, Mrs Rosalie Buzzoni, and Mrs Debbie O'Neill, her very capable assistant. The 'healthy' menu means more time and effort is needed to prepare fresh, healthy seasonal options for our students. We need your help more than ever before. Assistance with food preparation is vitally important and currently we have very few volunteer helpers for the canteen. If you are able to volunteer one day per month it would help to keep the Canteen operating and cost effective. If you personally are unavailable to assist, perhaps a grandparent or other relative may be able to do so. The work is not strenuous; you meet lots of new people; there is minimal involvement with students (none if you prefer); and your help will mean the price increases for food items can be kept to a minimum. Insufficient volunteer help in the canteen will mean more paid work and increased prices for our students and staff. Rosalie and Debbie are delightful people with whom to work. Blue Cards can be arranged for grandparents or other family volunteers.

Please help! Just complete the tear-off *Canteen Roster* slip at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the Upper Office asap. Your help will make all the difference. Thank you!

### P & C Membership 2012

We cordially invite all parents/guardians and friends of our school to become members of our Parents and Citizens' Association. P&C meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month in the Staff Common Room in the Administration block. Membership does not mean you have to attend P&C meetings, although we would welcome your attendance as it does entitle all members to vote on matters pertaining to our school. At the end of this Newsletter is a *P & C Membership* tear-off slip which you are invited to complete and return to the UPPER OFFICE. Please note that membership of the P&C must be renewed on an annual basis. All memberships received before the date of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23 February will be automatically accepted at that meeting. Membership costs nothing, but gives you many benefits. If you are a parent new to our school, you will undoubtedly be pleased to know that our meetings are not laborious. Most meetings go for less than an hour. A healthy P&C contributes immensely to **the success of our School**. **Please join today**.

### P & C Annual General Meeting

#### **Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm Common Room**

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C. Memberships are renewable every year as per the P&C Constitution and all new memberships and renewals received prior to the AGM will automatically be accepted. The first meeting of the P&C for this year will immediately follow the AGM.

### Introduction to High School Maths – Year 8 Parents

#### **Wednesday 29 February 2012, 1–3pm or 7–9pm F Block**

Each year we offer Parents and Guardians of all Year 8 students the unique opportunity to attend an information session introducing them to the Year 8 maths curriculum. Mr Peter Broome (Head of Department – Maths), aims to familiarise parents/guardians with the curriculum and explain how to make the best use of the Maths text book and accompanying CD. For your convenience, we will conduct two sessions on Wednesday 29 February, one in the afternoon (1-3pm) and one in the evening (7-9pm). Parents may attend together or separately. To ensure that we prepare sufficient materials for each session, we request that you pre-book your preferred session by completing the *Introduction to High School Maths* tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the UPPER OFFICE asap. Letters of confirmation will be forwarded before 29 February.

## Reading Group

The *Mansfield High Reading Group* was founded many years ago to assist our Teacher Librarians with evaluating and updating fictional and non-fictional reading materials for the Resource Centre. Parents/guardians, students and staff are invited to join this enjoyable group with only requirement for membership being a love of reading.

Our first meeting for 2012 is Tuesday 14 February from 3-4pm in the Library. Students wishing to participate in this group should give their names to Mrs Nibbs in the Library. Parents and friends wishing to participate should call Mrs Sue Holley on 3452 5337. We would love to see lots of new parents and staff members join this group in 2012. Reading Group is a lot of fun and there are always many great books to choose from. We will be supplying afternoon tea for the first meeting of the year. Hope to see you there!

## Rauchle Service Club

The Mansfield High Rauchle Service Club was founded at the end of 2003 in memory of Ms Nell Rauchle, a Guidance Officer at our school for over ten years, who lost her battle with cancer. The Club consists of students who wish to give their time, talents and enthusiasm to help others. Over the past seven years we have sponsored two guide dogs through Guide Dogs Queensland: 'Mani', now working with Correctional Services; and 'Jasper', a fully trained guide dog. Last year we were offered our very own brood dog, Whim (pictured). On 5 October 2011, she gave birth to her first litter of guide dog puppies – 3 females and 3 males. The Rauchle Service Club also sponsors two overseas students: Lauren, our student in Arusha, Tanzania; and Emmanuel Yokolo, our student in Papua New Guinea. Four years ago we commenced the *reader2reader* programme with the Smith Family and once again encourage our Year 9 and 10 students to take part in this very important



area of encouraging primary age students to enjoy reading. We have also supported: the Mater Children's Hospital, the Variety Club Christmas Party for special needs children, Can Teen Queensland, 2011 Flood Relief, and many other worthwhile causes. Every dollar raised by the club goes to charities or causes outside of our school. Over \$5400 was raised last year. All students (Years 8-12) are invited to join the Rauchle Service Club. The first fund raising event for 2012 will be Pancake Day on Tuesday 13 March.



### PANCAKE DAY, TUESDAY 13 MARCH LUNCHTIME AT THE HALL

This will be the Rauchle Service Club's first fund-raising event for 2012 and it is always very popular. Pancakes will be home made and cooked on the barbeque. The ice cream is delicious.

Prices:- Pancake with syrup \$2; pancake with syrup & ice cream \$2.50; cold drinks \$1.50; meal deal with the lot \$3.50.

## Pauls 'Collect-a-Cap Promotion

This promotion is ongoing for 2012. We are asking our families to please continue collecting the especially marked caps on *Pauls* milk cartons for the 'collect a cap' drive. Every marked cap is worth 10 cents to our school and the proceeds will be equally divided between Chaplaincy, Student Council and the Rauchle Service Club. We have forwarded our first full bag of caps to Pauls and we hope to follow this with several more this year. Caps can be left in the collection box in the lower office or can be given to Mrs Holley or Mrs Farr in F10. Thank you for your support.



## Environmental Council

For several years now Mansfield High students have been environmentally active by participating in *Clean Up Australia Day*, Arbor Day, Green and Healthy Schools, the Bulimba Creek Catchment revegetation project, and by becoming a *Reef Guardian School*. Students throughout the school are encouraged to join the Environmental Council and go green. We also have our very own adopted Koala and we will be raising funds to support her over the next few months. Our Mansfield High Environmental Motto is:

*'Teal 2 Green 1 Step we're Clean'*

## Clean Up Australia Day

### Friday 2 March - all day

Students will be participating in cleaning up the whole of our campus on this day. Please note that hats, caps and sun block must be worn.



## Mobile Muster

At the end of 2011 Mansfield High was leading the Mobile Muster Schools Recycling Challenge in Queensland and was 8<sup>th</sup> in Australia. A fantastic result! If you received a new mobile phone for Christmas, please remember to bring in your old one and the accessories and deposit them in the collection box in the Library. This is such an easy way to help our environment and the old phones and accessories can be recycled and reused.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Licensed Operator

We are delighted to advise that Mansfield High is a Licensed Operator for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This year we are offering our Year 10 students the opportunity to attain their Bronze Award and will add to this in following years. Mr Nair and several other teachers will be operating the programme with Mrs Holley as the co-ordinator. We are also looking for help from any family member

who may have experience with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. If you can assist in any way, please contact Mrs Holley on 3452 5337.

### **Uniform Shop /Book Shop Thank You**

The Mansfield High Book Shop has now officially closed for this year. The staff and volunteers from the Uniform Shop and Book Shop would like to extend a very special thank you to all families for their patience and understanding during the very busy back-to-school period. A very special thank you also goes to our wonderful students who assisted in the Shops at the end of last year, before school and at the beginning of this year. You did a marvellous job and for your voluntary assistance, we are extremely grateful!

### **Uniform Shop**

Winter Uniform Orders – if you require winter uniform items (including special orders), your order must be finalised by mid-February. All students, but in particular the Year 8s, will have had the opportunity to try on winter items for size on Thursday 2 February and can place orders after that. All students require a school pullover (\$60) and/or a blazer (\$130). The school scarf (\$15) is a warm option if your student feels the cold and is highly recommended. Tights (\$7.50) are available for girls and trousers (\$44-\$47) for boys. Students will bring home an order form and will be required to pay for items when they return it to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday 14 February or Thursday 16 February. We would like to place the order as soon as possible just in case we get an early cold snap. Please note that uniform prices are subject to change. Our Uniform Shop Convenor is Mrs Anne Rattu and the opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday between 7.30 - 9.15am. Phone 3452 5357 – during opening hours only or leave a message.

### **Mansfield High School Backpack**

This is a compulsory part of our school uniform and must be used every day. All Mansfield High backpacks carry a three-year warranty against manufacturer's faults only. This does not include any damage to the bags caused by a student's abuse or misuse. Students please respect your property and don't throw, sit on, or in any other way misuse your school bags, as the warranty on the bags does not cover everyday wear and tear. Some students open zips a minimal amount and then tear the bag open from that point. This will damage the zip.

The bag was selected for its quality and endorsement by the Australian Physiotherapy Association. It is essential however, that students wear it correctly. This will be demonstrated to students. If you would like further information, please view the Spartan website:

[www.spartanss.com.au](http://www.spartanss.com.au) .

(NOTE: Students are particularly encouraged to bring only essential items to school. They should use their lockers during the day to remove superfluous items from their backpacks. Heavy items should be packed close to the student's back. Parents might be able to assist to ensure that students do this.)

### **Mansfield Chaplaincy**

Chaplain, Ben Cherry (our gentle giant) has a beautiful office next to A06 and the Canteen in A Block. Ben is full-time at the School and is a favourite with students and staff alike. His door is always open for students either to just drop in at lunch time or by appointment. Ben will, once again, be operating some very innovative and interesting events and groups throughout the year. Students are encouraged to join in, have fun and make lots of new friends. Our School is responsible for raising \$30,000 each year to support Ben and the programme for three days per week and the Federal Government supports him for the other two days per week. Donations to assist our Chaplaincy programme are always very welcome and are tax deductible. Donations can be left at the Upper Office in an envelope marked *Mansfield Chaplaincy*; simply add your details to the donation if you would like a receipt for tax purposes. We will be conducting a special Chaplaincy Drive in the second term, but all donations throughout the year are very much appreciated.

### **Prayer Group**

#### **Monday 20 February 2pm Chaplain's Office A Block**

There is a special band of parents and friends who meet with Chappy Ben on the first and third Monday of every month to pray for our students, staff and families. They would love to have a few more members join this group. If you would like to meet up with them, please call Chappy Ben on 3452 5361 or email him at [bcher19@eq.edu.au](mailto:bcher19@eq.edu.au).

### **Student Achievements**

We love to hear all about the wonderful achievements of our students, whether they be sporting, musical, cultural, or service. We also like to share this news with our community and the wider public. If you have a story to tell us, please contact Mrs Holley on 3452 5337 or email [sholl143@eq.edu.au](mailto:sholl143@eq.edu.au) We just love to share the good news.

### **Community Activities**

The following information is provided for your interest. Please contact the organisations listed for further details:

- ✓ Rochedale Rays Swim Club – Friday night at Rochedale Primary School Pool 6pm. Special half-season family rate starting from Friday 27th January 2012. For further information see the website ([www.rochedalerays.com.au](http://www.rochedalerays.com.au)) or contact Danielle Cooper (Secretary) at [info@rochedalerays.com.au](mailto:info@rochedalerays.com.au) or phone 0412675556
- ✓ Australian Air Force Cadets (Boys and Girls between 13&18 years), 215 Squadron Information sessions – Every Monday night during February 6.30-7.30pm, Cavendish Road High School. Further information available at [www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au) and <http://215sqn.aafc.org.au/>
- ✓ Mansfield Eagles Soccer Club, sign-on day Sat 4 February 10am – 3pm, Citipointe Christian College 322 Wecker Rd Carindale ITC Building next to Science Centre and drop-off zone, all ages children to adult, see [www.mesc.org.au](http://www.mesc.org.au)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 30 JANUARY	Tuesday 31 JANUARY	Wednesday 1 FEBRUARY	Thursday 2 FEBRUARY	Friday 3 FEBRUARY
Maria Roethlisberger Shirley Christie	Betty Kenny	Christine Wood	Sue McKenzie Alison Wilde	Nancy Johnson Kay Ball
Monday 6 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 7 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 8 FEBRUARY	Thursday 9 FEBRUARY	Friday 10 FEBRUARY
Sharon Charlton	<b>SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b>	Narelle Burke	Rosina Tucket	Marion Gunton
Monday 13 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 14 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 15 FEBRUARY	Thursday 16 FEBRUARY	Friday 17 FEBRUARY
Lisa Nicholson Leanne Look	Coralie Lowe Kelly Hudson	Sharene Rapisardi	Maria Roethlisberger	Marianne Bucher
Monday 20 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 21 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 22 FEBRUARY	Thursday 23 FEBRUARY	Friday 24 FEBRUARY
Shirley Christie	Karen Oliver	Liesl Hales	Belinda Measures	Suzanne Edgeworth
Monday 27 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 28 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 29 FEBRUARY		
	Ivy Jones Lisa Tippet			

The Canteen has limited supplies of stationery for sale:

Pencils	50c	Biros (blue, red, black)	50c	Wooden rulers	70c
Compass	\$2.00	Protractors	50c	96 page music books	\$1.00
Graph books	\$2.00	A4 Spirax music books	\$2.00	Exercise books	50c-\$1.80
Quad books (Japanese)	60c	Two ring A4 folders	\$2.50	Art Diaries	\$6.50

If any Year 12 students would like to volunteer in the Canteen during morning tea or lunch, please see the Canteen Convenors – Mrs Buzzoni or Mrs O'Neill.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Tuesday 31 January</b>	Per 1 Yr 11 School Photos; Per 2 Yr 12 School Photos (BRING PHOTO ENVELOPE WITH MONEY & KEEP ON PERSON) Per 3B Swimming Carnival nominations (Yrs 8-12) in house areas Environmental Council Meeting 1pm
<b>Wednesday 1 February</b>	Yr 11 Parent Evening 7-9pm MAP Block 1 Selections / Meeting Per 4 Interschool Sport Training
<b>Thursday 2 February</b>	Newsletter mailed Per 1 Yr 8 School Photos; Per 2 Yr 9 School Photos; Per 3 Yr 10 School Photos (BRING PHOTO ENVELOPE WITH MONEY & KEEP ON PERSON) Winter Try-on (Yr 8 in Per 1,2 3+ other new students) Prefect Meeting 1.10pm Music Information Evening 7pm Hall for parents new to the music programme (Music Uniform purchase prior to this at Uniform Shop)
<b>Friday 3 February</b>	QDU Team entries close
<b>Monday 6 February</b>	Per 3 & lunch follow-up School Photos
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	School Swimming Carnival at Chandler (all students) to pay \$5 beforehand to Form Teacher. ALL STUDENTS ATTEND.
<b>Wednesday 8 February</b>	MAP Block 1 Starts South District Summer Interschool Sport Round 1 Yr 8 Bush Dance & Parent Evening at 7pm (6.30pm for Yr 8E, F, I)
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	Return slip to receive hard copy of Newsletter Student Council nominations due Register online for emailed newsletter Prefect Meeting 1.10pm
<b>Friday 10 February</b>	Yr 11 Art excursion – all day – UQ GOMA and State Library
<b>Monday 13 February</b>	Per 3 & lunch follow-up School Photos Distribution of Yr 8 Charges District Swimming Carnival for selected team

  
Principal

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL PREFERS 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 "**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.

INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SCHOOL MATHS – YEAR 8 CURRICULUM  
WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)



Parent's Name: ..... Phone: .....

Student's Name..... Student's Form Class: .....

Time Preferred: (Please indicate)  Wednesday 1 - 3pm **OR**  Wednesday 7 - 9pm

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**  
**2012 REGISTER OF MEMBERS**  
(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)



I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Full Name/s)

wish to be included in the Register of Members of the Mansfield State High School Parents & Citizens' Association.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Parents' Signature/s \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – CANTEEN ROSTER 2012**  
(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)



I / We would like to assist the Canteen by helping one day a month.

Name: .....

Student's Name and Form: .....

Phone No. and Address: .....

Please circle preferred day below: .....

1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month

Please indicate other options: .....

Thank you for your assistance.

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**MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**



Please return this slip to the Upper Office by Thursday 9 February 2012,  
if you still wish to receive a hard copy of our Newsletter from our school on a fortnightly basis.

Most parents will choose to access our fortnightly Newsletter  
via our website or after having received an email from the school.

Student's Name: ..... Form Class: .....

Parent/Guardian Signature: .....

# Year 8 First Day



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# Senior Investiture



SENIOR 2012

# Senior Investiture



Ever wondered what our assemblies look like?



We are very proud of our students and of our staff!

Thanks to the students who packed this Newsletter!  
They did a wonderful job...even after school!



Apologies and THANK YOU  
to those wonderfully helpful  
students who are not pictured here!  
You made the task so much easier!