A dynamic learning environment where the whole community takes responsibility in preparing for the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur 26 Feb  Eldon Trout Farm Excursion (Agribusiness Class)
Fri 27 Feb  Winter Uniform Orders Close
Tue 3 Mar  OSO33 Mt Buffalo Climbing Camp Departs (3 days)
Thur 5 Mar  Southern Ranges Swimming
Thu 5 Mar  OSO33 Mt Buffalo Climbing Camp Returns
Fri 6 Mar  OSO11 Lake Nilahcoolie
Mon 9 March  Labour Day Holiday
Thur 12 Mar  65SSG Mt Samaria Orienteering
Fri 13 Mar  Round Robin 1
Tue 17 Mar  Hume Region Swimming
Wed 18 Mar  English Excursion ‘No Sugar’ departs 9am
Fri 20 Mar  House Athletics Sports

Governor General’s Visit

It was great to be a part of the Governor General’s tour of regional Victoria. Julie Aldous and I attended the lunch with our school captains and vice-captains. The student leaders were able to talk with His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove. As part of the formalities, I noted a wide range of our students attending in various capacities:

- School Based Apprentices were there in their working capacities with the Shire and the cinema.
- The shire’s FREEZA team was involved in supporting the catering, as well as photography and video recording
- Students involved with the eCafe ran a tour of that facility
- Past students involved with the MAD orchestra

We share the role of working with our young people with the wider community. It is great not only to see the opportunities our students have in Mansfield, but also to share with them significant moments in their lives. The depth of involvement our students have with the community is extraordinary – something both the college and the community should be proud of.

The Governor General also toured the school, viewing our Language Centre, Paddock to Plate Garden and the new Music Centre. The retinue stopped and talked to students on the way, and were escorted by a team of six students from different year levels and with different passions. His Excellency had a number of engaging conversations with students and seemed to enjoy participating in a Year 7 music class with Ms Byrnes.
Throughout, I was continually impressed at our students and the staff who work with them. I consistently get feedback that they are articulate, thoughtful and community minded. I am confident that the future world is in good hands!

House Swimming
Elsewhere in this bulletin is a report about the house swimming. I commend the efforts of staff and students – the day ran smoothly, the weather was kind and we had improved attendance. These events rely on a great deal of teamwork to run, but I particularly commend the efforts of Ross Gray in his organisational role. I also commend the efforts of the students, all of whom ‘put in’ and had a go. Their willingness to compete and do their best is commendable. Well done to all!

School Council Elections
School Council is the governing body for the school. There are two primary categories of membership; Parent members and Department of Education employee members. Council makes strategic decisions around policies and processes within the college. For example, the new uniform was developed by council in response to feedback from staff, students and parents. Being on council is an ideal way to make a significant contribution to the life of the college.

Council currently has four vacancies under the Parent category for the period of 2015 and 2016. Nomination forms are available from the general office and are required to be submitted by 4 pm on Thursday 26th February.

Student Safety
We have three concerns regarding student safety that we would like you to discuss with your children:

• Crossing at the school crossings throughout town – Shire Council has requested that we encourage students to cross at the designated crossings. Whilst students are using the View St crossing well, the Highett St crossing near the Steiner School is sometimes ignored. Council is building a case for VicRoads, to continue to have the crossing in use. If our students choose to cross elsewhere, this important safety feature may be lost.

• Pedestrian travel through private property – both Bindaree and St Mary’s Primary School are not thoroughfares for students. Both areas are private property and, particularly at Bindaree, concerns have been raised with the mix of pedestrians and cars in the car park. I encourage students to walk around, rather than through, these properties.

• Dropping students off in the car park – concerns have been raised about parents dropping off students in the staff car park. Particularly, some parents are travelling too quickly in an area shared with pedestrians. I encourage parents to use the PAC (gravel) car park to drop students off, or the new car park at the playing fields.

Thanks for your support with these conversations. We value the shared responsibility we have in educating our young people.

Regards
Tim Hall
Mansfield Police have been notified about students not properly using the school crossing near Steiner School. Crossing in other places causes confusion to motorists, particularly during busy times and, more importantly, creates risk to students in the area. Police and council are asking that all families discuss the importance of using the crossing to cross Highett Street. Much work has been put in by council to have the crossing installed and if it’s not used correctly the town may lose it.

Thanks for your co-operation – stay safe!
Lyn Holland
Victoria Police  Senior Sergeant
Officer in Charge Mansfield Police Cluster
M.E.R.C. Mansfield Shire Council
M.E.R.C. Mt Buller Mt Stirling ARMB

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**Schedule 3: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations**

First School Council Election

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Mansfield Secondary College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by **4.00pm on Thursday 26 February 2015.**

The ballot will close at **4.00pm on Monday 16 March 2015.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

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**MANSFIELD JUNIOR NETBALL**

**Urgent meeting** regarding Mansfield Junior Netball for 2015 season. Mansfield junior netball committee requests the attendance of all parents with children grade 3 and above intending to play netball to attend an urgent meeting regarding the future of our club. Registrations will be held also.

Mansfield football club rooms **Wednesday the 25th of February** registrations from **5pm** meeting to begin **at 6pm** any enquires please phone Michelle **0407168477**

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**MANSFIELD NETBALL**

**U15 representative squad netball selections** this Thursday 26th Feb for birth years 2000 & 2001. 5.15pm at courts.

Contact Judy Dixon **0418324146**

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**MANSFIELD JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

Registrations for Under 14’s & Under 16’s.

Monday 2nd March & Tuesday 3rd March  
4 pm at football club rooms.
Mt Buller Annex 2015

Families wishing to enrol students in the Mt Buller Annex for Term 3 2015 should now download the ‘Supplementary Details and Enrolment Form’ from the Mansfield Secondary College Website


and hand in to the front office. Deposits to confirm a position at The Annex are due on Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} March.

Mt Buller Annex

Parent Information Evening – ‘@Altitude’

Monday 2nd March

6:30pm, Mansfield PAC

For parents and students interested in attending the Mt Buller Annex during Term 3 2015.

Hosted by Ms Julie Aldous

2015 Uniform

Next order round closes

THIS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27\textsuperscript{th}

◊ Orders and payment for Winter Uniform is due THIS Friday February 27.

◊ Reminder: Payment plans are available – please come in and have a chat with Wendy Fraser our Business Manager.

Regular Shop Hours for 2015

Thursday 3:15 – 8pm

Monday Lunch 12:45 - 1:40pm

PLEASE NOTE: The Front Office is separate to the Uniform Shop so enquiries to the Uniform Shop only.

e-mail: uniform@mansfieldsc.edu.vic.au

RESPECT for self, others and the environment
PERSISTENCE doing your best all the time
CURIOUSITY an interest in the world and our learning
Maths Help

Maths Help is on Wednesdays, at 3:30pm in Room B5. Students who need some help with topics from class, their homework, assignments and projects can get one-to-one assistance from Maths teachers. This year, there will also be some time given to exploring the many beautiful and interesting aspects of mathematics ... things that might not be explored in formal classes. All year levels welcome!

Mansfield Family & Childrens Centre
Family Counselling & Parent Support

Parents: Are you feeling anxious about how your child is managing?

Come and talk to one of our family counsellors at
10 Davies Street, Mansfield
Phone 5775 8576

The VCE Marine Biology Field Trip was conducted last week in Queenscliff through the Marine Discovery Centre. Glorious weather for snorkelling and data sampling.

Bottom left: Kate Challen, Sophie Mitchell and Kaitlyn De Munk

Mathematics is ...
**CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT**

Contact Mark Sampson more details

Ph 5775 2022

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**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE CLAIMS 2015 FOR BUS TRAVELLERS**

Parents/Guardians eligible for Conveyance Allowance in 2015 (reimbursement of private car travel costs). If you drive 4.8km or more to a school bus stop or to school without passing a school bus stop you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance in 2015. Application forms are available at the School Office. Please submit application forms by **27th February, 2015** for reimbursement.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**REMINDER**

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**Anxiety and Depression Forum in Mansfield**

Anxiety and depression are conditions which impact on many people in Australia, and a huge number of young people are affected by these conditions. Depression and anxiety can reduce how young people concentrate (and therefore their ability to learn), their ability to socialise and to participate in daily activities. One million Australian adults have depression (BeyondBlue 2014) and 6-7% of young people aged 16-24 will experience depression in any one year. 1 in 5 adolescents are likely to experience a depressive episode by the age of 18 (Headspace 2014).

More than two million Australian adults suffer from anxiety. 4.4%, or 195,000 of young people are diagnosed with an anxiety disorder annually (YoungMinds, 2015).

There are also many others who are not aware they have one of these conditions.

This forum gives us the opportunity to learn more about the symptoms of these conditions and ways to support some of the people we know. Guest speakers will provide up-to-date information and personal stories to educate us all.

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Chris Nicholls
Adolescent Health Nurse
Mansfield Secondary College
Monday & Friday
With Churchill’s super swimmers Liam ‘Eddie’ Edwards and Tilly Lang winning every event in their age group, and captains Dan Stow and Molly Chiller encouraging their younger swimmers, the team broke a nine-year drought to win one of Mansfield Secondary College’s major annual events. The team lead from the outset with younger competitors, brothers Isaac and Angus Murray, Milly Friday, Cecelia Walker, Charlotte Howie and Tori Judge swimming across various age groups to ensure that Churchill was represented in every event. At the conclusion of the competition, the team lead its nearest rival Hillary by more than 100 points despite some heroic swimming by newcomer 12 year old Colby Croxford-Demasi against senior competitors. Jay Arndt and Will Christopher played their part in securing Hillary’s second place. Bader’s Charlie Mitchell, Zoe Reeves and Emma Lawson were all style with the latter showing the crowd how to swim breaststroke without raising a sweat. However, these Bader stalwarts were unable to lift the team from last place. Excellent performances from Landy’s younger team members, Emmylou Reeve, Tynan Mims and Matilda Appleby will no doubt secure success for Landy in the future. With so many current and former members of the Mansfield Swimming Club the standard of competition was excellent.

Age championships were won by: 13 year old girls and boys – Emmylou Reeve & Cecelia Walker (joint winners) and Isaac Murray; 14 year old girls and boys – Bridgette Fox & Milly Friday (joint winners) and Tynan Mims; 15 year old girls and boys – Matilda Appleby and Will Christopher; 16 year old girls and boys – Tilly Lang and Jay Arndt; 17 year old girls and boys – Zoe Reeves and Charlie Mitchell; and 20 year old girls and boys – Emma Lawson and Liam Edwards. New times were established for the 20 year old 200m Freestyle by Tilly Lang and Liam Edwards and, for the 20 year old 400m Freestyle by Zoe Reeves and Liam Edwards.

The crowd was kept well supplied with food and drinks by the College’s Student Representative Council (SRC) team led by College Captains Tim Hume and Ruby Lieber.

As with every carnival at the College, the day was full of team spirit, encouragement and determination from individuals to achieve their best. Thank you to those parents who offered their support, all team captains for organising the teams and to the College staff for preparing the pool under the fine leadership of Ross Gray.

Jane Herbert
Students from all year levels have been plagued by these little critters!!

.........yes...HEADLICE!!

Here are some useful facts to know about head lice.

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. They can only crawl from head to head. They make your head very itchy!!!!

Inspecting for head lice

Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed hair. This stuns the lice for about 20 mins and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb and then wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue. Look for lice and eggs.

Repeat the combing of every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times

If lice or eggs are found, the child’s hair should be treated. There are many different treatments available—choose one that suits you

No treatment kills all of the eggs—It is important to repeat the treatment after 6-7 days as this is when any new lice may have hatched out and will start the process of laying (nits) eggs all over again!!

The most common cause of re-infection is missing (nits) eggs.