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**Winter Uniform Fittings**

**Principal’s Notes**

**Swim sports**
Well, it was a dramatic finish to a fantastic day of competition. There was a lightning strike very near to the pool at the end of the day. Several people who were leaning against a wire fence who felt the effect of the strike, plus two students in the process of exiting the pool. None of the people affected have suffered permanent injury. I note that there was no indication of lightning activity prior to the event and that the CFA website had a ‘zero’ indicator for potential lightning strikes. All students were moved promptly under shelter and evacuated back to school. I commend the students and staff, all of whom worked efficiently together in the evacuation. Stewart’s bus lines were able to provide prompt transport – they were there within four minutes after receiving the call, and the pool staff ably facilitated access through the back gate. Thanks to all involved!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the events – as a school we pride ourselves on a culture of doing our best all the time. It is one of the core values for the college and occasions like this present an opportunity for students to model this behaviour. Please find a fuller update elsewhere in this publication.

**Council elections**
Nominations for school council have now closed. It is with pleasure that I confirm Claire Wallace’s role as a school representative. There are nominations from 12 parents, so an election will need to be held. Voting papers will posted out next week, with voting closing on Thursday 13th of March. This is an important role within the school community and the number of nominations is exciting – I look forward to working with the new school council as together we make our great college even better.

**Clean up day**
The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning students organised the ‘Clean up Australia’ day at school on Monday. Their organisational efforts were fabulous, with each class allocated a zone in the school and all the rubbish collected in a central place. I am pleased at the participation of all students – we have ‘respect’ as
one of our core values and this was an opportunity to demonstrate that respect; for self, others and the environment. Congratulations to the VCAL students!

Winter uniform fittings
Winter uniform fittings are occurring this week. Please note the advice elsewhere in this publication regarding times, and ensure that you book an appointment through the general office. We are pleased at the presentation of students – please ensure that your son/daughter continues to wear correct uniform to school. The current issues seem to be socks (which need to be all white), shoes (which need to be black leather) and jewellery (facial piercings, in particular, are an ‘occupational health and safety’ issue in schools and need to be removed or replaced with clear studs). Thanks for your support.

Southern Ranges Swimming
All the best to the team for tomorrow!

Regards
Tim Hall

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**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.


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**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE?**

If you travel more than 4.8kms to access your nearest government school or bus stop you may be eligible.

Contact the front office for an application form. Closing date for Term 1 is the 28th February 2014

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**‘PADDOCK TO PLATE’**

TFO61 Paddock to Plate will be doing some work on food preservation in the next few weeks. If anyone has any excess produce to donate, could you please leave at the front office.

Any fruits, tomatoes, zucchinis etc would be most welcome
**WICKED**

We are hoping to take a group of students to see the Broadway musical WICKED during term 2. It is an amazing show and has won 50 major awards. Group student ticket price is $55.90 plus VLine bus fare. Numbers are limited so if interested please register your name at the office promptly.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Interested in performing and showing your musical abilities and talents to the community? See Mrs White or Ms Byrnes as soon as possible.

- Fri Feb 28       Talent Night, Mansfield Hotel
- Sun Mar 9        Picnic in the Park, Mirrimbah
- Mar 14, 15, 16   Bonnie Doon Music Festival
- Sat Mar 29       Aust Boys Choir

**Congratulations to Year 9 student Nichola Payne**

Nichola competed at the prestigious Barastoc competition held at the National equestrian centre in Werribee last weekend. She was awarded with ‘Champion performance pony of the year 2014.’ AND ‘Champion dressage performance pony’

Nichola spends many weekends away at competitions throughout the year and is a very talented and dedicated rider.

**Student Reader of the Week**

Kiera Price 11B

What do you like about reading or why do you think it’s important?

“Reading can give you a story to relate to in order to help you overcome problems or take you to another setting to stop you thinking about your own problems”

**Staff Reader of the Week**

Dallas Daniel

What book are you reading now?

What do you like about reading or why do you think it’s important?

“I love being transported into each story. I want to get to know about the characters and why they do what they do. I especially like reading books which feature settings I know of. I love the physical act of holding, reading and even opening a book and hearing the spine ‘crack.’ A Kindle? No way!!!!”

What was the last book you read?
UNIFORM

New Winter Uniform Ordering

If parents would like to be present during the fitting then the following times are available. Please contact the Front Office to MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

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UNIFORM UPDATE

Our endeavour to have all students in correct school uniform has been largely successful over the last two weeks. Looking around the school yard it's a pleasure to see so many neatly dressed young people and the new uniform in particular looks fantastic. Pleasingly, the students are telling us that they are enjoying wearing it. However, we are still having a few teething problems in regards to socks, shoes, makeup and jewellery and will take this opportunity to clarify a few points.

Socks - all students wearing the new uniform must be wearing plain white socks with no logos or branding and we ask that those wearing the old uniform wear plain white socks as well. Any new sock purchases should be of plain white socks. Students wearing socks of any other colour will be asked to change into a borrowed pair.

Shoes - only those students wearing the old uniform can continue wearing the black shoes. Students wearing the new uniform must be wearing black leather school shoes. However, we ask if your child requires new school shoes that you purchase black leather shoes which are safer for all technology classrooms. The local shoe shop has stocked black leather shoes in all sizes. Canvas shoes are no longer appropriate.

Jewellery - the uniform policy states that only silver or gold chains can be worn as necklaces. No leather or any other type of material can be worn as a necklace. Students may wear a watch but bracelets/bangles must be limited to one. Earrings (in the ears) should be either studs or sleepers. Any existing facial piercings must be clear. Indeed we are actively discouraging any new facial piercings, particular those around the lips which have proven to be so damaging to the enamel surface on teeth.

Makeup – the uniform policy states that only minimal skin tone makeup is acceptable (not to be seen). Clear lip gloss and clear nail polish acceptable only. Students may be required to remove makeup deemed unacceptable when requested with makeup remover supplied by the school.

Jumpers/Rugby tops - over the last week we have experienced some colder weather particularly earlier in the day. Students must be wearing either the new school jumper with the new uniform, or the rugby top with the old uniform. Any other jumper, hoodie or top is NOT acceptable and your child will be asked to remove it. If your child has grown out of their previous jumper/rugby top and you need a few days to replace it, please provide your child with a note. We will provide your child with a uniform pass until the new item can be purchased.

We understand that there are times when clothing is being washed or shoes have been left behind at a child’s other home. However, we would appreciate a note from a parent in order to issue a uniform pass for the day. Teachers have been asked to query students who are out of uniform and the uniform pass helps to formalise the process.

We thank all parents for their cooperation and understanding as we implement our new uniform policy. We can all be proud of the way in which our young people are wearing their uniform this year. If you have any feedback or queries about our uniform, please visit the school website http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/uniform-policy-2014/ or contact the school via phone: 5775 2022 or email: mansfield.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
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.

Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.

Students may return to school when treatment has commenced.

Cheers, Chris Nicholls (Adolescent health Nurse) Mob 0457 528 891
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge for 2014 will commence soon and Year 8 English teachers, Ms Byrne and Ms Herbert will be asking their Year 8 students (from 30ENG) to participate in the reading challenge this year as part of their academic program. Students will be registered online and if successful will receive a certificate. Research shows that reading not only broadens a student’s understanding of society and the world at large but enables them to expand their knowledge of the English language; crucial for success in English at VCE/VCAL as well as for future careers. Students will be given time to read during ‘silent reading’ in English classes but we are also asking all parents to encourage their children to read on a regular basis at home.

In addition, to support their knowledge of the English language, Year 8 students have been tested for their spelling ability and provided with an appropriate spelling list. Each week students need to learn 10 new words upon which they will be tested. To support the learning of these words, students are asked to find the definition and to use each word in a sentence, demonstrating understanding. This work should be completed for homework in their English workbook. Work completed on the computer can be pasted into the workbook. You can help by testing your child on their spelling words. There should be no reason for your child to tell you that they have no homework!

We thank you for your support in improving the literacy of your children. We will shortly be providing more information about the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Year 8 English teachers: Shayne Byrne and Jane Herbert

**The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go.** — Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

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### MANSFIELD NETBALL ASSOCIATION

**Junior Netball**

Registration Night 6th & 13th March

4pm-5.30pm Mansfield Football Club Rooms

Contact Michelle Tanner

Ph 0407 168 277

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### CANTEEN ROSTER REMINDER

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### CURRICULUM NEWS – YEAR 8 ENGLISH

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### CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Contact Chris Johnstone for more details—Ph 5775 2022

- **The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2014**, Thur 8 & Fri 9 May 9am-3pm and Sat 10 & Sun 11 May 10am-4pm at Caulfield Racecourse.
  

- **Australian Air Force Cadets**—Leadership, Confidence and mateship—Who can Join? Any boy or girl between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age who is an Australian Citizen and physically fit enough to participate in the activities.

  [www.aafc.org.au](http://www.aafc.org.au)

- **WHITE CARD COURSE** at MACE Fri 21 March, 8.30am-4pm, special cost for MSC students $80.00

- **RSA COURSE** at MACE Wed 5 March, 6pm-9pm, cost for MSC $70.00

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### CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP

Only 6 places left! - get in quick—your $200 deposit will secure you a place

See Ms Colyer with any questions

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### Australian School Based Apprenticeships—

- An opportunity exists for a student to undertake work experience and possibly a school based apprenticeship in the Food Retailing Industry. Learning all aspects of the business from ‘Paddock to Plate’ will provide a unique opportunity for an interested student. See Mr McInnes for details
Swimming Sports ends with a bang!

Bedecked in house colours, makeup, wigs and flotation devices, students arrived at the Mansfield Pool last Wednesday ready for an intense day of competition. However, the memorable moment for this year’s swimming sports will most likely be what brought the event to its untimely conclusion, a bolt of lightning, and not the quality of swimming displayed by many competitors. Fortunately nobody was injured by the bolt from the blue and all returned to the school safely thanks to some swift reorganisation by teachers and Stewarts Bus Lines. The festivities continued in the Performing Arts Centre where championships were awarded and the overall winning house announced.

Overall the competition was tight and the lead changed a few times throughout the shortened day. Churchill had the early lead with some sensational swimming by Liam Edwards and Tilly Lang with support from the Stow brothers. However, they were soon outclassed by the Landy lads, Tynan Mims, Angus Appleby and Jamie Carns and the might of Bader’s aquatic queen, Alana O’Dwyer and her mermaids, Emma Lawson, Zoe Reeves and Victoria Wallace ably supported by Bader boys, Willis Lines and Charlie Mitchell. Without running the full complement of relays, Bader won the day with 360 points, followed by Landy on 332, Churchill on 307 and Hillary brought up the rear on 263. After accepting the competition shield from Ross Gray, Bader team captains, Alana O’Dwyer, Ellie Kay and Daniel Allan thanked their team members and organiser Dave Allan for the successful day.

Age championships were won by: 13 year old girls and boys – Bridgette Fox and Tynan Mims; 14 year old girls and boys – Victoria Wallace and Willis Lines; 15 year old girls and boys – Tilly Lang and William Stow; 16 year old girls and boys – Zoe Reeves and Angus Appleby; 17 year old girls and boys – Emma Lawson and Liam Edwards; and 20 year old girls and boys – Alana O’Dwyer and Jamie Carns. Three new records were set with newcomer Bridgette Fox breaking the 13 year old girls backstroke and freestyle records set in 2005, and Liam Edwards breaking the 17 year old butterfly record set in 2007.

The crowd was kept well supplied with food and drinks by the College’s Student Representative Council (SRC) team led by College Captains Willa Marker-Reynolds, Ethan Doyle, Harry Green and Mel Challen, and by SRC member Tim Hume.

Overall, despite some unfriendly weather, the day was full of team spirit, encouragement and determination from individuals to achieve their best. Parent spectator numbers were the best for some years. Thank you to those parents for their attendance, team captains for organising the teams and to the College staff for preparing the pool under the fine leadership of Dave Allan.
The Mansfield Secondary College (MSC) has operated the Mt Buller Annex for the past two winters for year 7-10 students and is extremely pleased with the response for enrolments from the Mansfield community as well as Mt Buller residents and students from across Victoria. This year will see some distinctive changes in the Annex.

MSC students work on a specially developed ‘integrated curriculum’, which will have a theme for the term, utilizing the environment, resources and relevant elements of the resort. The core subjects of English, Maths, SOSE and Science will be covered essentially. The opportunity also exists for study of additional specialist subjects on a tutoring basis.

Students will have a timetable that will enable them to more effectively manage their commitments and work both independently and collaboratively with other students.

The Annex is especially exciting for our aspiring athletes wishing to pursue their progression within the athlete pathway or those who want to accelerate their development.

In 3-hour morning sessions, students improve their skiing and snowboarding skills under arguably some of Australia’s leading snowsports program providers and coaches.

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATION EVENING ON TUESDAY 25TH MARCH AT MSC. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FORMS & AN INFO BOOKLET ARE AVAILABLE NOW ON THE MSC WEBSITE: http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/parent-resources/DUE BY APRIL 4TH 2014

Buller Ski Lifts have released LOCAL SCHOOL SEASONS PASS and Daily Lift & Lesson components for 2014.

- FOR YEARS 7-10 STUDENTS DOING WEDNESDAY PROGRAM:
  - “Local School Season Membership Pass” is $669
  - Includes unlimited season lift pass
  - Includes 8 pre-paid lessons with Wed. Program
  - If students participating in more than 6 Wed. sessions, this is recommended
  - Forms can be downloaded from MSC website http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/parent-resources/
  - Forms must be returned to MSC Front Office
  - Payment is to MSC via EFTPOS, cash or cheque (made out to Mansfield SC)
  - Closing Date: 25 APRIL 2014

- IF YOU ALREADY HAVE THE ‘EARLY BIRD PASS’:
  - You may purchase 8 pre-paid lessons for the Wednesday Program
  - This will give you a ‘discount’ compared to purchasing single lessons per week

- FOR STUDENTS DOING WEDNESDAY PROGRAM INFREQUENTLY:
  - Pay weekly for Lift+Lesson at $75 per week
  - This would be paid week by week in term 3

PLEASE NOTE, PRICES ABOVE DO NOT INCLUDE SKI/SBD HIRE AND BUS COMPONENT

TBR: AUTUMN WATER JUMP SESSIONS

TBR: AUTUMN WATER JUMP is the best way to refine your skills and learn new aerial tricks and it all starts again from this weekend!

TBR values the importance of building a strong aerial skill base on water and trampoline to maximise on snow performance and minimise the risk of injury. For these reasons, TBR strongly encourages all riders to attend waterjump training.

A number of athletes you have seen compete in the Sochi Olympics, have all logged numerous jumps at the facility.

FIRST TIMER FREE DAY

Implemented in Spring 2011, again to encourage new athletes to give Water Jumping a try, any TBR athlete who has not jumped at the facility in the past can receive coaching for free on their first day.

DOWNLOAD SIGN UP FORM:
Click here to download the sign up form

If you have any queries, please contact Geoff Walker (Snowsports Co-ordinator) at the College