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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Principal's Notes

Asbestos: As with most buildings constructed prior to the 1980's, the College does have some buildings which contain some asbestos products. Asbestos products are not considered dangerous if they are physically stable and/or painted. The school carries a register of exactly where asbestos products are located and quarterly inspections of all those materials are conducted. In addition to this, external audits are periodically conducted. The last time that this occurred for us was September last year and the asbestos products in our building were considered to be safe.

Recently, legislation has required that all external doors in school buildings which contain asbestos are to be labelled. The labels are to warn trade services to undertake an induction process prior to commencing work in the school.

There have been some concerns raised by students who have noticed the signs. I seek to reassure the school community that, whilst we approach the issue of asbestos with care and consideration, the best advice we have is that the products used in our buildings are currently considered to pose little or no risk to our students. Any work that is done on the building is carried out with due consideration for the environment and the students, and by staff who have been briefed on the asbestos issues. I feel reassured that we have a good plan for dealing with the issue in an appropriate and timely manner.

Bullying: Recently we have had two cases of students being bullied by others in the yard. This is a fairly unusual circumstance for us as our students are generally noted for their capacity to work together in a productive manner. We do treat the issue of bullying with utmost concern. Where instances are reported we investigate and deal with each and every circumstance. Whilst privacy reasons mean that we can never reveal the consequences put in place for individual perpetrators, I assure the school community that these students are dealt with swiftly and in a manner that aims to generate behavioural change.

As part of our Positive Behaviours in Schools (PBS) program we spend time specifically teaching students how to treat each other. The PBS program is underpinned by the culture of Respect which the school has embraced. That is, respect for self, others and the environment. It gives our staff a common language for assisting students to develop positive behavioural characteristics. If your child is experiencing difficulties at school, please contact us so that we can act promptly.

- For subject related issues, talk to the classroom teacher
- For issues that go beyond any particular class or which manifest in the yard, please contact the relevant year level coordinator
- For support from a wellbeing perspective, please contact either the year level coordinator or Clare Chatterton (Social Worker)
- If you feel that issues are not being resolved to your satisfaction your points of progression are:
  - Christian Thomson – Head of Junior School
  - Bruce McInnes – Head of Senior School
  - Janessa Burkhardt – Assistant Principal, Student Engagement and Wellbeing
  - Tim Hall – Principal
All our staff are available by email or telephone. We look forward to working together with parents and the wider community to support all our students.

Alternative Subject Delivery Modes:
Particularly for VCE subjects, we work hard to find options for students where, for various reasons, we cannot deliver a desired subject. Of note is the year 12 drama ensemble (5 students), which is receiving instruction from a teacher physically located in Ballarat, who is also delivering to a school in Rainbow. Classes are delivered via polycom video conferencing, Lync, skype and email. On Thursday last week they went to Ballarat to conduct one of their assessment tasks. It is great to see these students still able to access the class, even though we could not deliver it here at Mansfield Secondary College. It keeps them engaged with our school whilst also allowing them to work towards their dreams.

We also have students involved in the Victorian Virtual Learning Network (Bendigo Senior Secondary College), Distance Education and blended mode deliveries through TAFE (like Equine Studies)

Cross Country: The cross country run was conducted on Wednesday last week, in perfect weather and with a high degree of participation. I reflect that it is not normal for the whole of a secondary school to participate in a cross country run. It does promote a school culture of working together, and this is a valuable outcome for us. Equally, by all students participating, there is an opportunity for students to achieve something that they were not sure was possible. Well done to all involved!

Regards
Tim Hall

Principal’s Notes (continued)

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STUDENT reader of the week

**What book are you reading now?**

- *Beast Quest* by *A. R. T. Parry*

**What was the last book you read?**

- *A Fortune’s Life* by *A. B. Fact*

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

I believe reading is a very important part of my education. Reading different varieties of books has boosted my vocabulary, writing skills and my imagination. I love reading.

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STAFF reader of the week

**What book are you reading now?**

- *Divergent* by *Veronica Roth*

**What was the last book you read?**

- *This Time the Personal Worker* by *S. E. C. S. Ford*

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

Why live one life when you can live many?? Reading takes me to different worlds—I am the person in the story. I learn without trying. I experience things that I would not have the chance to in “real life”
To Parents of Year 10 students
A work experience program is being organised for the last week of this term 23rd-27th June with the goal to have all Year 10 students (except those attending the Central Australia Trip) to be on work experience. Letters to local employers have been sent out requesting their support. The purpose of work experience is for students to gain valuable experience and exposure to the life of work, build their understanding and knowledge of different workplaces and increase their confidence.

Please encourage and discuss this work experience opportunity with your child

Part time jobs in retail pharmacy. Suit Yr 10 and 11 students, after school and on weekends. See Mr McInnes or Mr Johnstone ASAP

Chris Johnstone
Careers Practitioner

Australian School Based Apprenticeships—Contact Bruce McInnes

Subject Contributions (School Payments)
Thank you to the families who have paid their subject contributions or made arrangement to pay instalments including EMA. Families are reminded that, unless otherwise arranged, subject contributions are now overdue. If your child intends being involved in the 2014 Snowsports Program or the Mt. Buller Annexe, fees need to be paid in full, prior to the activity.

EFT payments to the School:
We are very happy to receive payments from parents using electronic banking. BPay or bank transfer are great. Remember to include your family number (bottom right hand corner eg FRA0003). If you want to pay for a particular item on the family statement, can you please either ring the school or send an email to fraser.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au to detail how you would like your payment allocated. If no contact is made the payment will be allocated to the oldest charges. Remember if you are paying for an excursion online to return the signed permission slip to the office. Students who need to pay first to be included in an activity (ie Round Robin), we would appreciate a receipt print out to confirm that the transaction has occurred.

Please contact Wendy Fraser, Business Manager if you need to discuss.

Year 8 Science

Who knew? In their studies of acids and bases, Year 8 students discover the magical use of red cabbage juice! It turns clear liquids to all of these wonderful colours depending on their pH.

L-R: Grace Cumming, Mary Henry, Zara Daniels.
UNIFORM

SOCKS

⇒ A reminder that the uniform shop has white socks in stock. Packs of 3 for $14.00.

Our policy states ALL white socks (no logos). Please support the school in this.

⇒ Do you have any spare items of the old uniform? We would love to have it. Please bag up and drop off to the front office.

Thank you

The Uniform Team.

uniform@mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au

SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM

- Wednesday Program Forms are available from the front office or on MSC website—they were due last Friday 23 May, please hand them in NOW.

FORMS: can be downloaded from MSC website: http://www.mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au/parent-resources/ or from MSC Front Office.

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

Ph 5775 2022

Paddock To Plate

Nick Howland (Year 9) doing a great job on the MSC Paddock to Plate stall at the Mansfield Farmers Market on Saturday. Hot soup, preserves and fresh produce. Proceeds will go towards trellising our heritage fruit trees.

Huge thanks to staff and parents who donated produce to sell.
Last Thursday evening the Year 11 music class performed in the PAC to parents and friends as part of a Solo Outcome. Well done to all for an enjoyable time and valuable learning experience for our students.

**WICKED**

Please collect *Wicked* excursion forms from Mrs White if you haven’t been given one yet. Tickets will be issued on performance day, 18th June 2014

- Presale of VSSS14 tickets that go on sale **12pm Monday 26 May** through **Ticketek**.
- You will need to use the code “Spectacular” to access these tickets.
- The presale will run from 12pm Monday 26 May till 10am Friday 30 May and then the General Release tickets go on sale from 10am Friday 30 May.
- Please distribute to all friends and family to come and support your participation in this event.
- Also note that the school does not control any aspect of ticket sales, please direct all ticket sale enquiries to Ticketek.

Money for the VSSS T shirt is now payable to the office. The T-shirt is compulsory for the performance. The cost is $20 and payable to the front office.

Rehearsals have started at school. Below is a reminder of key dates.

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The SRC have been busy!

Last Wednesday for the cross country we ran a lunchtime store selling pumpkin and potato and leek soup. The money that was raised is going towards Year 7 literacy resources.

We’ve almost finished selling all the boxes of Cadbury chocolates thanks to everyone in the team pitching in and keeping our regular chocolate customers happy (teachers we’re looking at you).

This Thursday a group of SRC members will be walking around the school with Jodie Bell at lunch for a chat room, we will be asking questions on how students feel about McDonalds. This will hopefully provide some insight into how the youth of Mansfield feel about the possibility of this fast food restaurant in our town.

We have also begun discussing the upcoming senior and junior formals which we are excited about!

Hope everyone is having a lovely week.

SRC team

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Staff Profile
Lisa Vaivars

After Year 12 I studied at the College of Law in Sydney and embarked upon a rewarding para-legal career. I loved it, but high on the priority list was my quest to be closer to the mountains which drew my husband and I from Sydney to Mansfield in 2002. Here we enjoyed Mansfield’s unique community spirit and glorious beauty for 2 years. In keeping with our love of all things snowy, my then 1 year old son and 3 month old daughter moved to Mt Ruapehu in the North Island of New Zealand for 6 months. We then returned to Sydney where my last child was born in July of 2007. We returned back to Mansfield (can’t keep away!) in February of 2008. Life settled down for a little while but not before I seized the opportunity to commence my Bachelor of Education in August of 2009. Whilst in my 3rd year of study for the degree we took another trip abroad and moved back to New Zealand for a further 6 months - this time to the South Island where we lived at the base of The Remarkables in Queenstown. In December of 2013 Mansfield beckoned us back once more and I began my fourth and final year of my studies (29 units over 4.4 years) - culminating in an eleven week internship in the grade 6 room at MPS. Voluntary work and this internship introduced me to MSC’s current Year 7 students and with established relationships in place, I now teach two year 7 Health classes here at MSC. I also teach Yr 9/10 Personal Training. I’m the newest staff member on board and I’m so pleased to be a part of this exceptional team. Each has a dedicated commitment to their profession through a passion for quality teaching and learning, ongoing professional development and establishing and maintaining a supportive school environment for your child.

I love teaching and have strong interests in integrative curriculum/Inquiry-Based Learning, essential literacy and numeracy skills building and the holistic, complete education of students incorporating academic achievement, physical health and mental wellbeing. Essentially, my aim is to prepare students with the necessary knowledge and skills required to live successful, independent and adaptable lives regardless of their given abilities and strengths. The establishment of lifelong learning skills informs my teaching - I want students to justify their decisions, rationalise their ideas and theories, I want them to feel passionate about a subject or an issue and to be kind and warm-hearted people. I feel personally enriched in my role at MSC – it fills me with pride to see students achieve their goals, be it academic or otherwise. I believe that a natural sense of humour holds any teacher in good stead and that in school, just as in life, for as long as students are motivated and supported, they will be rewarded.
The Year 7-10 girls soccer team didn’t let inexperience get in the way of a good Round Robin day. The young team (and coaches Eliza Pollock and Sarah Bell) did their best against mostly older teams and fun and laughs were had by all.

Emma Griffith

BADER REGAINS GROUND IN CROSS COUNTRY

Bader House managed to overcome the disappointment of its loss to Hillary in this year’s Athletics Sports by pipping Landy at the post to win the annual Cross Country Championships. Bader were well supported by key runners Britney Allen, Warwick Crawford, Doug Crawford, Will Foster, Sophie Mitchell and Foley Lachal and won the day with 227 points closely followed by Landy on 222 points.

Winning team captain, Alana O’Dwyer thanked all competitors, even those who had walked the course, and organiser Bruce McInnes for another successful sporting event.

The following students won the age group championships: 13 year old girls and boys, Bridgette Fox and Tynan Mims; 14 year old girls and boys, Britney Allen and Warwick Crawford; 15 year old girls and boys Darcy Croxford-Demasi and Will Foster & Mason Spierings; 16 year old girls and boys, Kate Challenges & Sophie Mitchell and Doug Crawford; Year 17 girls and boys, Eliza Pollock and Foley Lachal; and 20 year old girls and boys, Jamie Carns and Michaela Richardson.

Well done to all competitors.

Jane Herbert
Mansfield Junior Football
Due to the success of Footy under lights for our 10’s & 12’s it’s on again for our 14’s & 16’s.

Junior Football Night Game
Friday May 30th
Under 14’s at 6.00pm
Under 16s at 7.30pm.
Mansfield Rec Reserve.
Come along and cheer on our juniors.
BBQ will be sizzling.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR PHONE LANDLINE, MOBILE, HOME ADDRESS, OCCUPATION or EMAIL ADDRESS? Please inform our office

Local student award winners join Bill Sykes at MCG

Students from local primary and secondary schools joined the Member for Benalla, Bill Sykes at the MCG on Saturday 24 May to watch a Collingwood vs West Coast match.

Nine ‘You’ve Got What It Takes’ Weary Dunlop student award winners, their families and friends got to experience the thrill of a game at the MCG between two big-name teams.

The ‘You’ve Got What It Takes’ Weary Dunlop Award honours young people who, like Weary Dunlop, have shown persistence and resilience, along with compassion, humility, friendship, forgiveness, courage, leadership and integrity.

Dr Sykes said, “It was a fantastic day and again a pleasure to see these young people enjoy all the atmosphere and character of watching a game of footy at this legendary ground. These young people are deserving recipients of the award and I look forward to following their progress as they continue to work towards achieving their goals.”

Maths Help
Are you having trouble understanding your maths?
Do you need extra help?
All Mansfield Secondary College students from all year levels are welcome to come along and have free tuition.
Make the most of this fantastic opportunity from our Mansfield Secondary College Maths Teachers who volunteer their time for any student needing extra help.

Where and When:
Tuesdays after school
3.30pm to 4.30pm

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY