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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**Year 9 – School for Student Leadership**

Mansfield Secondary College has had a strong partnership with the School for Student Leadership (SSL) for a number of years. The SSL offers a similar program at each of the three campuses, with students usually attending for an entire term and then completing a project back at home to utilise their recently developed skills. Students return with a greater appreciation of themselves and an improved ability to deliver outcomes as part of (and leaders of) a team context. In addition to this, students have a variety of experiences in the outdoors – kayaking, hiking, climbing and cycling.

For 2014, the large number of schools applying meant that we were unable to secure any places for our students. The selection process favoured schools who had not previously had the opportunity to participate.

However, a school has withdrawn from the 2014 term three program and those places have been offered to us. With a very short timeline, Ms Herbert has organised and facilitated a selection process for interested students. In line with past practise, interested students submitted themselves to an application and interview process. I congratulate the successful students and wish them well for their journey.

**Vale: Karen Stephens**

I regret to advise the school community that one of our parent community has passed away. Karen Stephens, mother of Billie and Taylah passed away unexpectedly and the funeral was held last week. Karen was a strong supporter of the school, applying for school council membership and encouraging the college to take up the Wakakirri performing arts program. She will be sadly missed by all.

**Social Networking**

Following on from last week’s bullying article, I also note that a number of students are experiencing difficulties with social media. The incidents are predominantly occurring outside of school hours and are consequently difficult for us to deal with. If your child has experienced persistent targeting through unwanted text or Facebook messages, I suggest that you keep a record and take it to the police. We will continue to support from the school perspective by ensuring students have instruction in how to behave appropriately, in both face to face and online contexts.

Social networking describes a variety of online services like Facebook, YouTube and games such as World of Warcraft.
What book are you reading now?

What was the last book you read?

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

Library News

STUDENT reader of the week

Ollie Macdonald
Year 7S

What book are you reading now?

What was the last book you read?

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

Reading is important because it relaxes my body and calms my mind after a long day.

STAFF reader of the week

Ray Fraser
Bus Driver, Maintenance, Groundsman

What book are you reading now?

What was the last book you read?

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

I love the fact that I can switch off and escape. I never tire of reading. It’s important to broaden horizons and continue to learn. It’s something I can do anywhere. I am never without a book or my Kindle.

These services let children and teens communicate with other people online. This can enable children and teens to stay in touch with friends and family. However, teens may disclose too much information online. They may also behave in ways that they wouldn’t offline. The following tips will assist teens to behave safely when using social networking.

- Talk to your teen about managing personal information on social networking websites. Encourage them not to put key personal information on their profiles. This includes their phone number, home or school addresses, information about workplaces or clubs.
- Remind your teen not to post photos of themselves or others that they would not want strangers to see, or that may have a negative impact on how others view them.
- Ensure your teen understands the privacy features - in particular how to set their profile to private and limit access to their information.
- Remind your teen that not everyone is who they claim to be.
- Talk to your teen about the use of location based services. These services enable social networking users to report their physical location to other users by ‘checking in’. Remind your teen that allowing strangers to see where they are, or where their mates are, is a risky behavior.
- Encourage your teen to keep their online friends online. If they do want to meet someone that they haven’t met so far in person, they should ask a parent or another trusted adult to go with them and always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.
- Remind your teen not to respond if someone sends them bullying messages or asks them to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. They should tell a trusted adult and save the messages.
- Encourage your teen to set up a separate social networking account if they want to promote themselves or an interest and engage with like minded people that they don’t know offline. They should ensure the site does not contain their personal information.

For more information, resources, advice and tips, visit the cybersmart website www.cybersmart.gov.au

Regards
Tim Hall
CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT
Contact Chris Johnstone for more details—Ph 5775 2022

- 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 Year 9, 10 and 11 students, after school and on weekends. See Mr McInnes or Mr Johnstone ASAP

- Employability Skills Course: MACE is offering an intro into employability skills, course includes: communication, teamwork, problem solving, initiative & Enterprise, Planning & Organisation, Learning & Technology. It will also look at personal presentation. Tue June 17th & 24th, Cost $95. Contact MACE on 5775 2077

Chris Johnstone
Careers Practitioner

Australian School Based Apprenticeships—Contact Bruce McInnes
Please see Mr McInnes for details

CANTEEN ROSTER
REMINDER
Tue 10 June  Debra Robbins
Wed 11 June  Meagan Thorburn

On Friday 30th May, the VCAL class ran a disco for years 3-6 for all the primary schools in the Mansfield district. The disco was run by a small group of VCAL students which included Ashleigh Jurjens, Tyson Poole, Lawrence Prendergast, James Shaw and Billy Marsh and some excellent teachers, some other VCAL students also gave up their Friday night to help run the night. The idea of the disco was to raise money for a VCAL camp to Melbourne later this Term, which is being organised by Lawrence Prendergast. The night proved to be a huge success, making a profit of $474.33. There were games, competitions, a door raffle including 2 Mansfield Armchair Cinema vouchers and 12 Subway vouchers which were donated. Thank you to the local businesses that supported our event. Lawrence provided the music and disco lights to make the amazing atmosphere.

The kids had a great night dancing, everyone else enjoyed the night too. We think it was a great successful night and also hope to have another one towards the end of the year.

From Ashleigh Jurjens & Tyson Poole, VCAL 2014
UNIFORM

⇒ NECKLACES, HOODIES, HATS
The school has been encouraging the removal of non-school policy leather/string necklaces, anklets, hoodies and hats and we are pleased that students are embracing the expectations we have regarding appearance. For those students who are not acting on school council requirements we are going to introduce a confiscation system. Students will be asked to remove non-school uniform items such as the above and these will be kept by the school until the end of term or if a parent comes up to the school to collect them. Thank you for your understanding.

⇒ SOCKS
A reminder that the policy states ALL white socks, no logos please.

⇒ LOANED ITEMS
A reminder that items loaned to students who have come to school out of uniform are due back. If the items are not returned a fee will be charged to their account.

⇒ PLEASE MAKE SURE CLOTHING IS LABELLED.
Iron on labels are a good idea.
www.nameitlabels.com.au

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

Second hand snowgear BUY-SWAP-SELL

• There will not be a formal venue this year.
• Students (and parents) are encouraged to use the designated pin-up board adjacent to the canteen.
• Post notices with pics and details, plus a mobile or email contact.

If you have any queries, please contact Geoff Walker (Snowsports Coordinator) at the College
Ph 5775 2022

CURRICULUM NEWS

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS GOING INTO YEAR 11 2015.

We are asking current Year 10 students to look at what subjects they may wish to undertake in Year 11 and Year 12 units in 2015. To do this students will be given a list of subjects and explanations of each subject. This will happen this week and students will be asked to return selections by early next week. Students should see staff in the Senior School Office and subject teachers if they have any questions about subjects. Why are we doing this so early? We need to build subject blocks to avoid clashes as best we can before final selections are asked for.

These subject selections are not set in concrete and students and parents will have the chance to consider and discuss what subjects lead to what Further Education Courses and work options. We cannot guarantee that all the subjects offered will run in 2015.

A VCE Information Night will be held on Thursday 19 June in the Language Centre commencing at 7.00pm and lasting for about an hour. I urge all families to attend with your child. This is a great opportunity to ask questions regarding VCE.

This will be followed up with the final selection process and counselling sessions with one of the Mansfield Secondary College staff members to finalise subjects in early term 3. A parent and the student attends these sessions to confirm subjects for 2015. Clashes will be worked out and opportunities to do subjects via Distance Education and the Regional telecommunications conferencing will be looked at.

Please contact me or the Senior School Office if you have any questions.

Mark Sampson
(Curriculum Coordinator)
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.

- **Wed 30th July** Massed Choir Rehearsal Melbourne Town Hall
- **Wed 20th August** Massed Choir Rehearsal Melbourne Town Hall
- **Thurs 11th Sept** Full Dress Rehearsal Melbourne Town Hall
- **Fri 12th Sept** Full Dress Rehearsal Hisense Arena
- **Sat 13th Sept** Performances x 2 Hisense Arena

**Year 7 & 8 Students at their Flute Lesson this week**
Staff Profile
Andrea Blunden

I was born in Eastern Melbourne and lived there until my family moved onto a 200 acre dairy farm in Yarram, Sth Gippsland. So my own education was a mixture of small primary school, large private secondary college and small country public school. My parents encouraged us to travel before settling down, so I travelled on a shoestring to Europe and Britain, often hitch hiking and sleeping in hay sheds! I graduated from La Trobe University with a science degree and worked for a while as a Laboratory technician in a school. Whilst there I completed my Diploma in Education (particularly so that I could work in the country) and then commenced my career as a teacher. I have taught in a variety of country and city schools, both public and private. I also took time away from teaching and completed a Diploma in Tourism management. I have worked as an aerobics instructor, life guard, a boundary umpire, winery tour guide, cellar door wine advisor, manager of a historical homestead and admissions officer at Swinburne University.

This is my tenth year teaching at Mansfield and in that time I have had so many wonderful experiences, particularly as a VCE coordinator. Living on 10 acres in Tolmie has allowed me to surround myself in pets: dogs, cat, horses, chooks. I now teach VCE psychology and biology as well as middle school science. Since psychology was introduced into VCE in the 90’s I have been an assessor for the VCAA which gives me a tremendous insight into the preparation needed for VCE exams. This year, I have also assisted in the preparation of the new Australian Curriculum version of the Nelson biology textbook.

Teaching for me is a privilege as I get to share the journeys of our precious young people. The teaching of content is such a small part of my job. The nurturing of a young mind that is developing a sense of identity and working out their place in the world is the other (larger) part. It is so rewarding to watch a young person push themselves to discover strengths they never knew they had, even in the face of life’s challenges.

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 in B5