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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 10 June  
GAT Exam (General Assessment Task 10am-1.30pm)

Wed 10 June  
Kool Skools Excursion (10-11th June)

Friday 12 June  
Indonesian Excursion to Melbourne (7.30am-9pm)

Friday 12 June  
Casual Dress Day (gold coin to support sister school in Venilale)

Friday 12 June  
Year 11 Exams Finish

Tue 16 June  
Celebrating Disability Excursion

Tue 16 June  
Murray River Culinary Challenge

Wed 17 June  
Brain Bee Excursion to Melbourne

Wed 17 June  
Lunchtime Activities at school organized by SRC

Wed 17 June  
Hume Region Cross Country - Broadford

Thu 18 June  
Finance Meeting

Fri 19 June  
Theatre Studies Excursion

Mon 22 June  
School Council 7pm

Mon 22 June  
VCAL Camp (22-24th June)

Principal’s Notes

Southern Ranges Cross Country
As this publication goes to print, 46 students are representing our school at the Southern Ranges Cross Country race, held in Yea. Our students seem to value the opportunity to compete beyond the school context and we are continually proud of the efforts that students go to in preparation. One of the things I really like about our students is the way that they support and encourage each other in these events. Often I receive reports from organisers commenting on this and I think that this culture is something we should be proud of. I hope that they compete well again today.

Kool Skools
The other key opportunity occurring this week is for our music students, some of whom (under the tutelage of Shayne Byrnes and Jan White) are in Melbourne recording various original works. The Kool Skools project creates an opportunity for students to learn about the recording techniques available in a commercial studio and creates a framework for the development of their capabilities in both composition and performance. The CD produced will be on sale later this year and I encourage you to consider supporting the music program by purchasing a copy.

Victorian Young Riders Eventing Squad
Whilst not a school-related achievement, we are proud of the efforts of Molly Chiller, Sophie Fox and Nichola Payne. All of these three young ladies are members of the Victorian Young Riders Eventing Squad and competed at Werribee over the long weekend. With only twenty-five young people competing from around Australia, to have three Mansfield girls involved is an outstanding effort. Well done girls!

GAT
Most students enrolled in one or more Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) year 12 subjects will sit the General Achievement Test on Wednesday 10th June. For many students this is their first experience of a VCE exam. The GAT is a test of general knowledge and skills in:

- written communication
- mathematics, science and technology
- humanities, the arts and social sciences.

Each represents a body of general knowledge and skills that students are likely to have built up through
their school years. Because it is a general test, no special study is required for the GAT. Students will already have done preparation for the GAT in past study of subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and History, where they have built up general knowledge and skills in writing, numeracy and reasoning.

Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student’s VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores. The GAT is used in these ways because achievement on the GAT is a good predictor of achievement on other assessments. If students have done well on the GAT, then their achievements are likely to be high on their school-based and external assessments. I wish all those undertaking this test all the best and look forward to seeing their results not only for this, but also at the end of the year when they complete their final assessments.

Reports
The end of semester reporting process is well underway. You may note that your child has an increased homework load at this point in time, as teachers collect final assessment pieces for each of their classes. I encourage you to help your child plan their time well, to achieve the balance between part-time work, recreation and study. If you have questions about what to expect for each class, you would be best placed to speak with their class teachers.

Respect
for self, others and the environment

Persistency
doing your best all the time

Curiosity
an interest in the world and our learn-

Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

- The Victorian government has announced $148.3 million over four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities.

- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card will be eligible to apply. A special consideration category will also exist.

- Eligible families will need to apply for the CSEF at their child’s school with applications to be entered by school administrators onto a web-based system.

- A payment of $225 for secondary school students will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.


- CSEF payments to schools will be made from the commencement of term 3.

Further information is available from the school. Forms must be returned to the office for processing.

Subject Contributions

Thank you to the families who have paid their subject contributions or have made arrangements to make instalments. Families are reminded that if you are in receipt of a Centrelink payment, Centrepay is now available. It allows for instalments (of your choice) to be deducted prior to payment.

Contact the school for a form, or log on to http://www.humanservices.gov.au/. The school has its own Centrepay reference number. It is 555-111-076-V.

Families are reminded that unless arrangements have been made to cover subject contributions, students will not be included in extracurricular activities, including the snowsports program.

In an effort to reduce the administration, postage and printing costs, we will be starting to email monthly family statements. If your family already has an email address on our records, you will receive your family statement electronically. If this information is not included on your records, we will continue to post them.

Wendy Fraser
Business Manager
The Interschools Snowracer Series

What is the Interschools Snowracer Series?
The Snowracer Series is a group of Interschools style events held at various Victorian Resorts throughout the season. These events provide an excellent opportunity for competitors to extend their training, and race experience on interschools courses. The Snowracer Series is also ideal for schools wishing to conduct Interschools training and/or school time trials.

The Snowracer Series includes a variety of Alpine, Snowboard GS, Skier Cross, Snowboard Cross and Cross Country events. These events are suitable for skiers and snowboarders of all ages and levels of ability. Students may enter any of the events at any mountain throughout the season.

The Snowracer Series are organised by each Resorts Race and Event Departments.

The Interschools Snowracer Series Dates

Mt Buller:
- The Snowracer Series - Sunday 5th July - Alpine GS
- The Snowracer Series - Saturday 11th July - Ski Cross (pending snow-alternative GS)
- The Snowracer Series - Saturday 18th July - Cross Country
- MT Buller Entries Due: 2 days prior to event
- Medals will be awarded to the top 3 placegetters in each division (conditions apply)

Event Contacts
The Snowracer Series is organised and conducted by the Mt Buller Race & Events Department. Please contact Mt Buller Race & Events Department for any Interschools Snowracer Series enquiries.

Mt Buller > Email: race.dept@skibuller.com.au

Mt Buller Resort Access information

In 2015 there are a number of initiatives that will be implemented by the Mt Buller Alpine Resort Management to improve the visitor experience in regards to Resort Entry.

- It is now possible to pay for and print out a vehicle entry pass at home prior to leaving home
- Online resort entry purchases will be offered at $42 for a day visit rather than $45
- All Resort access vehicle season pass holders as well as pre purchased resort entry passes will be guided through the Number plate recognition season pass "Express lane" or the Mt Buller Rd in Peak Times under the direction of traffic control staff
- 50% discount on Peak weekends in July and August for day visitors that enter the resort between 7 and 8am. (only available at the resort entry gate)

Click on the link to access the online payment options
https://ssl2.connectintouch.com/wp.dll?Axis/MtBullerRMB_
Year 10 Parents:
Hello Year 10 students and parents. Please have a look at the Careers website on the school website. It takes at least three clicks to reach the page! When you get there have a look at the video links to new jobs that didn’t exist 10 years ago. It’s a bit corny but demonstrates how things can change very quickly due to technology. Look at the calendar button on the webpage.

Newsletter: the website has a link to a Careers Newsletter. You can subscribe to this. It’s free!

Careers Pathways: If you are unsure of what a job is, condition of work, skills and qualifications needed you can search by doing the following:

- Scroll to the drop down menu For Students on the right hand corner of the page and click on
- Scroll down and click on Job/Career Info Search link
- Then look at the Job Information Link
- Check out the video link
- Look at the Job Outlook/Vacancies

- Check out Messages Board: I have left Year 10’s a message

Have a look around the rest of the site including Course Camel where you can check out potential further education options. Good luck!

I will be sending home information regarding Block Work Experience release in Term 3 soon.

Mark Sampson
Careers and Work Experience Coordinator
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- Do you want to design and build stuff?
- Three days at Melbourne Uni in November?
- Year 9 or 10?
- Two and a half days of learning & teamwork, about Engineering.
- Cost, minimal for a three day camp.
- Meet students from across the state?

See David Jagger for more information, limited to five students.
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
Our Unit 3 VCE Physical Education class recently visited RMIT at Bundoora to take part in the ‘VCE Physical Education Enhancement Program’. The students undertook various fitness tests such as: a 20m sprint using electronic timing lights, a vertical jump, agility test, force plate jump, sprinted maximally for 10 seconds against resistance on a Monark cycle ergometer and then wore GPS trackers and heart rate monitors while playing on a field.

Each year one of our students performs a VO2 max test and this time Foley Lachal volunteered to do it on a cycle ergometer. Foley’s excellent result of 62.8ml/O2/kg/min was at the time the best score out of all the schools undertaking the program this year; further to that, one of the RMIT staff commented that it was the best result she has seen on the bike in her 4 years of doing the testing!

The day was enjoyed by all students and will help them to better understand the link between theory and its practical application in the lead up to the end of year exam.

Hayley Wilson gets First Place at the Australian Women’s Skateboarding Competition in Newcastle

The competition over the long weekend was held south of Sydney with 40 girls competing in both the under 12s and open divisions to see who will be ranked the number one women’s street skateboarder. Hayley at 13 was the youngest competitor in the open division with the eldest being 28. It took part on an advanced course with two heats and a solo to determine the top 7 for the final. Hayley was excited to place in the top 7. The finals were also over 2 heats and a solo run. After landing a kick flip over the Euro and the steep pyramid rail she could not believe it when she placed first. Hayley defeated world champion bowl rider Poppy Starr Olsen and 9th world seeded street skater 25 year old Kat Williams. Hayley is so proud to represent Mansfield Secondary College as the youngest female to be Australia’s number one ranked street skateboarder.

Congratulations Hayley—Great Effort