Welcome Back and Wednesday Snow Sports Program
Welcome back after the mid-year break. Term three is a long term, and we strategically manage the school to create as few disruptions as possible to the curriculum program during this term. The Wednesday snowsports program is the obvious exception to this – we are the only secondary school in the state to run such an extensive program and we value the outcomes that are achieved. The benefits of participating in the Wednesday program are numerous – not only do students improve their on-snow skills, but they also gain outcomes around respect, perseverance, self-efficacy and leadership. Mr Walker is the key staff member leading the program and I thank him for his efforts. I remind parents and students that payments need to be made by 11am on the Friday prior to the Wednesday on which the student wishes to participate in the program.

Staff Changes
We welcome the following staff to our school:
- Georgia Jennings, replacing Natasha Hosny for six months. Georgia comes to us from Kingsville Primary School with P-12 training in both Art and Outdoor Education.
- Allie Colyer, returning part time from family leave
- Merran Stuart, replacing Daniel Hough for three months
- Chris Johnstone, returning to support the VCAL and Humanities teams

School Review
On a four year cycle, the school develops a strategic plan that looks to the future of the college and what we would like to achieve. This year is our opportunity to establish the direction for the next strategic plan. Both School Council and staff are currently involved in analysing data from preceding years, building a picture both of what we have achieved and what we aspire to.

One of the data sets we look at is the ‘parent opinion survey’. Each year a sample of (usually) 65 parents are posted a survey to respond to. Last year, the return rate was very low, which has challenged our ability to draw accurate data and information from the survey. The school is limited in the number of times that we can specifically request surveys be returned. Therefore, I request that if you are the recipient of a survey, please complete and return it – your feedback is
listened to and valued!

Work in the holidays

There was a significant amount of work completed during the holidays. In particular, the foyer area has been re-modelled in order to create a more welcoming space for parents. I hope that you enjoy the space the next time you visit us.

We also took the opportunity to paint and carpet the administration wing, including the staff work room. I value the work that our staff do with our young people and I wanted to recognise and celebrate the professionalism of our staff by renovating their work area.

Students out and about

- We welcomed the return of the Central Australia Trip during the holidays. They seem to have had a great time and learnt lots about our beautiful country. I note with thanks the dedication of the staff, who gave up their holidays and received no extra financial recompense in order to create this opportunity.
- We wish all the best to the six students attending the School for Student Leadership. This is a term three residential program based at the Snowy River Campus (Marlo) which includes six weeks in China developing leadership skills. The students attending are: Julian Holland, Rory Howlett, Jacinda Dixon-Rielly, Bella MacMunn, Denny Walker and Ruby Devere.
- We welcome a number of exchange students commencing with us this term: Luca Jerchow, a year ten from Germany, completing a ten month program and staying with the Howland Family.
- Astrid Frandsen and Emma Hansen, both year ten students from Denmark, completing a three week program with the Scouts International exchange program.

Regards
Timothy Hall

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. All year levels welcome!

CANTEEN DUTY

Mon 18 July  Ann Maree Howland
Tue  19 July  Gail O’Halloran
Wed 20 July  Mandy Swaney

UNIFORM

Uniform Shop Hours for 2016

Thursdays only
3:30pm-4.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: The Front Office is separate to the Uniform Shop so enquiries to the Uniform Shop only. Email uniform@mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au
EXCURSIONS

Artsconnect9 Circus Oz Excursion

The Year 9 trip to Melbourne on 22\textsuperscript{nd} June to see Circus Oz, the graffiti art in the laneways and take a tour of The Arts Centre.

It was a most enjoyable day.

Dallas Daniel

YEAR 12 SUPPORT

Ways to Support Year 12 Students

Term 3 can be a very challenging and stressful time for Year 12 students. At this time it can also be difficult for parents, carers and guardians to know how to provide adequate support. The Wellbeing Team are providing an information evening to discuss some of these challenges and to offer tips about the best ways to help.

You are invited to come along to the

Language Centre, 6pm,
Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} July 2016,

to attend a presentation from a parent and student who have completed the journey through Year 12, and from school Wellbeing staff.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Chris Nicholls
Adolescent Health Nurse

COUNSELLING HELP

Family Counselling & Parent Support
It’s free and it’s confidential

Do you wonder about the relationship you have with your child?
The quality, time spent with them, connection & behaviour?

If you would like to discuss this or any other aspect of parenting please come and talk to one of our family counsellors at:
Mansfield Family & Children’s Centre
10 Davies Street, Mansfield
Phone 5775 8601

MUSIC NEWS

⇒ Term 3 Drum Lessons commence next week.
⇒ Term 3 Instrumental Timetables are available outside the front office

⇒ State School Spectacular Rehearsal at the Melbourne Town Hall next Wednesday 20 July. Bus leaves at 7.00am from the school bus stop and will return by 6.00pm. See Ms Byrnes or Mrs White if you have not received your note.