

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter



The House Captains with their new house flags ready for Athletics Day

CALENDAR

Week 9

- Thu 30/3 - Round Robin
- Fri 31/3 - Agribusiness Seymour Expo excursion
- Fri 31/3 - Wear It Purple Day (gold coin donation)

Week 10

- Mon 3/4 - School Photo group retake (Yr 9,10,12)
- Tue 4/4 to 6/4 - OES Lake Eildon Canoe Trip
- Wed 5/4 - Yr 7-10 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews
- Wed 5/4 - No classes running (due to Interviews)
- Thu 6/4 - VCE Art Benalla Gallery excursion
- Thu 6/4 - Last day of Term - 2:30pm dismissal

TERM 2

Week 1

- Mon 24/4 - No classes running (Student Free Day)
- Tue 25/4 - Anzac Day Public Holiday
- Wed 26/4 - All Students return for Term 2
- Thu 27/4 - OES Mt Buller MTB Trip



REMINDER

YEAR 9, 10 & 12 GROUP SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKE

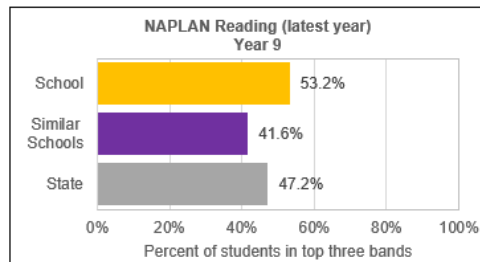
Monday 3rd April

From The Principal

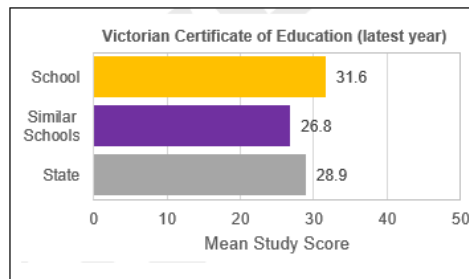
Dear Parents/Guardians

School Council - Annual Report to the School Community:

At the school council meeting this week I presented the Annual Report to the School Community. This is a high-level reflection of student outcomes, in terms of both wellbeing and learning, and reflects the outcomes from 2022. Our school has again performed very well. A snapshot of the results is below, with the detailed report available from our website shortly. Our school is a great place to learn and grow!

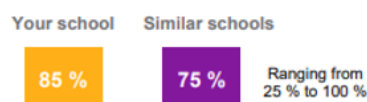


NAPLAN Reading results for last year show better than state average in terms of reading, and substantially better than similar schools. The results across both literacy and numeracy are excellent.



VCE results were excellent, out-performing both similar schools and state average (and better than most of our independent school competitors).

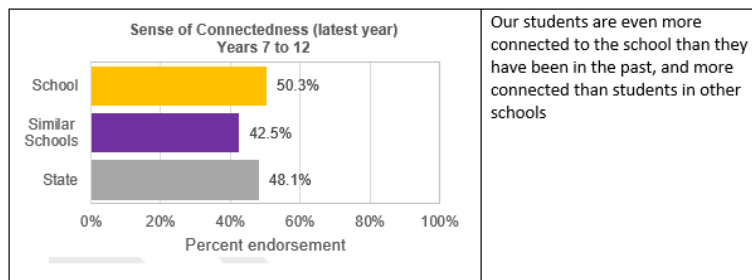
In 2022: Percentage of VCAL completions



Relative to the similar schools group, your school's result is similar to the results for Secondary schools with similar characteristics.

Our VCAL students also out-performed our similar schools. In addition to this, the results for positive post-secondary transitions are excellent, showing that students here are likely to make a successful transition to both further education and/or employment.

From The Principal (continued)



Our students are even more connected to the school than they have been in the past, and more connected than students in other schools

Instrumental Music Concert Series:

Our music team at school has three key staff members; Jane Hampson, Phil Bohun and Paul Riley. We also acknowledge the range of instrumental teachers in our community who support our students with private lessons.

On Tuesday this week I had the privilege to attend the first of a concert series, showcasing the achievements of our music students and providing an important performance opportunity. It was a great night, and appreciated by the parents there. Congratulations to the following students who performed:

Hamish Ueno – Acoustic Guitar
 Tahlia Hinton – Voice
 Tristan Fox – Piano
 Astrid Singleton & Zac Appleby – Voice & Acoustic Guitar
 Memphis Hanwright – Piano
 Archie Dunn – Voice & Acoustic Guitar
 Emily Doig – Voice
 Aaron Trecento – Acoustic Guitar
 Hannah Allen – Voice
 Mitch Pentony – Acoustic Guitar
 Abbey Coolahan – Voice & Acoustic Guitar
 Molly Dunn – Piano
 Lily Crosby – Voice
 Reiley Gibney-Schelfhout – Guitar
 Scarlett Hanratty & Judah Kelleher – Voice & Acoustic Guitar



Resilience Project:

Last night was the parent information session for The Resilience Project (<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>) We work in partnership with The Resilience Project to strategically improve student wellbeing and resilience. I encourage you to log in to these sessions when they are available and have a look at what they have to say, they are very beneficial.

Athletics:

The athletics carnival was held last week, with a great turn-out and positive involvement from all concerned. The sports days are a great opportunity to build positive student relationships and to enable students to show their capabilities in the sporting field. Well done to all involved, and particularly thanks to Mr Thomson for organising the day.

Antarctica:

We have some great opportunities for students to engage with. The 'Rulers of the Universe' elective class has recently been measuring the size of the earth, recreating a famous experiment from the third century BC conducted by Eratosthenes. In order to conduct the experiment, Paul Fitz-Gerald used the support of the Australian Antarctic Division. We are deeply grateful for their willingness to help our students out. There are more details elsewhere in this publication.

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews:

The PTS interviews for Years 7-10 are occurring next week. We value the opportunity to talk with parents at a really important time in the year, early enough for us to work in partnership to ensure positive study behaviours are occurring. Please come with your young person, as the conversation with the student in the presence of parents is very important. Thanks! If you have any difficulties in booking, please reach out to the school office.

End of Term:

Term finishes at 2:30pm on Thursday 6th April. We wish you all a safe and restful term break, and look forward to the return of students on Wednesday 26th April.

Kind regards
Timothy Hall

Rulers of the Universe

As part of their elective unit 'Rulers of the Universe', the Year 9 and 10 students in the class were recently tasked with recreating Eratosthenes famous experiment from 240 BC for measuring the radius of the Earth.

Earlier in the term the class had used the measurement of the Sun's shadow at local midday to determine when local midday was, where true north was compared to magnetic north and the school's latitude. This latter measurement they got to within 2% of the actual value - experimentally this is an exceptionally good result.

However, to measure the size of the Earth, the students would need assistance from experimenters who were a long way away from the school. To facilitate this Mr Fitz-Gerald contacted the Australian Antarctic Program's Headquarters in Tasmania to see if any of their workers in Antarctica would be willing to assist us.

The reply was quick and a positive one from Mawson, Davis and Casey Stations and the date set for the experiment was Thursday 16th March, with favourable weather forecasts for most locations. The students gained five sets of concordant results from their experimental setup and although Casey Station experienced a blizzard that day results were obtained from both Mawson and Davis Stations.

A video link up between the students and the Antarctic bases was organised with Mr Hall's help for their class on Thursday 23rd March where Mr Fitz-Gerald took them through the geometry and trigonometry required to calculate the Earth's radius from the results.

As a consequence of their efforts a measurement of 6,576km for the radius was calculated. This compares very favourably with the accepted value of 6,371km - a difference of only 3.2%. So another excellent result - not bad for using a pencil, sheet of paper, the Sun's shadow length at midday and a bit of math!

Student comments:

"It made my lunchtime interesting (collecting data) and it was really cool and interesting to work with the people from Antarctica. I was really surprised at how close to the actual value we got!" - Memphis Hanwright.

"I found the math part hard but I really enjoyed doing the experiment and it was exciting working with the people from Antarctica via video link" - Bailey Wade.

"The experiment of measuring the size of the Earth was such a fun experiment. Just thinking that all you needed to do was measure the length of the Sun's shadow at midday in two different places, measure the height of the gnomon that made the shadow and work out the overland longitudinal distance between us and Mawson Station and then do some math was amazing. To top it off it was really cool to do the calculations and share the results via video link with the people in Antarctica. It was great fun being part of this experiment!" - Jasmine Shepherd.

I'd like to thank the students for their work and enthusiasm during this task as well as Mr Hall and the team from Antarctica: Ms Cat Humpheries (Mawson Station Leader), Alex Mcpartland (Mawson), Marshall Lewis and Leigh Monk (Davis Station) and Shaun James (Casey Station).

Paul Fitz-Gerald

Head of Science



*Back Left Table: Aiden Casey, Rylan Macdougall
Back Right Table: Memphis Hanwright, Max Crockett & Will Higgins.
Front Left Table: Chloe Tremmel, Bailey Wade
Front Right Table: Jasmine Shepherd, Ruby McDonald, Clancy Farrell*



Left: Alex Mcpartland from Mawson Station



Right: Marshall Lewis from Davis Station

Hume Region Swimming Carnival

A team of 14 students headed off to Wodonga 'Waves' pool and took part in the 2023 Hume Region swim meet with a win sending competitors off to the state finals at MSAC in Melbourne on 28th April.

Zac Hotton was one such competitor winning the 12/13 breaststroke and coming second in 3 other events. Zac was also Runner Up in 12/13 boy's champion category. Addi Wadsworth also made it through to the state swim meet in the Multi Class 15yr old freestyle. Brilliant effort Zac and Addi!

Keziah Wolfe picked up a third in the above age girls breaststroke, and the 12/13 freestyle boys relay team of Harry Kain, Toby Gerrans, Lenny Gardner and James Wellborne gaining a second in their event.

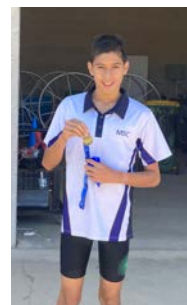
All other competitors were not far off the pace with only a body length separating swimmers of a high quality.

Out of 32 schools attending, MSC came 13th with their combined score, again punching way above its weight!!

Don't forget we finish off the sporting calendar this term with our Round Robin on March 30th, completing a very busy return to school for sports.

See you on the field of dreams!

Christian Thomson
Sports Co-ordinator



Athletic Sports Day

Friday 24th March probably won't be remembered for much, but for Biyal it was a celebration of victory under their new sports name on the MSC annual athletics shield.

Under sunny skies the Athletics day ran smoothly and many participants took part over the course of the day covering around 100 events. While no records were broken, the day was still exciting with the high jump gaining its usual strong support and the sprints providing some upsets.

It was great to see so many parents having a look around and the easy nature of Athletics allowed spectators to choose from 12 events running at any one time.

The early running saw Wimba look like claiming the Sports double, but Biyal and Marrang had other ideas with the former closing out the win with some strong relay results.

Students V Staff race provided the highlight of the day with the 'BOSS' going down on the first change, then picking himself up and running an exceptional bend that gave the staff a glimmer of hope! It wasn't to be unfortunately, and the teachers had to watch their dreams disappear under sufferance. Rumour has it that Principal Hall is in a sling and won't be lifting books any time soon.

Congratulations to the below age group champions and well done to the whole school community for a really enjoyable day.

Sports House Results

Biyal - 1484 points

Marrang - 126 points

Delatite - 1141 points

Wimba - 1127 points

Age Group Champions

12/13 - Ellie Marks & Harris Kain

14yr - Harper Russell & Cruz Purday

15yr - Jacoba Tanner & Charlie Dobson

16yr - Jess Dolling & Judah Kelleher

17yr - Quinn Russell & Max Mahoney/Alex Davyd

20yr - Sarah Marshall & Ben Les



SRC News - Wear It Purple Friday!

The Student Representative Council would like to inform you that on **Friday 31st March** MSC is showing support for The Epilepsy Foundation by celebrating **Wear It Purple Day!** We kindly ask for a **gold coin donation** per individual, (non profit) during the day to help raise funds to support The Epilepsy Foundation in their efforts to:

- Provide assistance to individuals and families affected by epilepsy.
- Educate people about epilepsy and how it affects those living with it.
- Most importantly, find a cure for this condition.

Your generosity will make a significant difference towards achieving these goals.

Thanking you in advance for your contributions towards this cause.

Kind Regards,

Student Representative Council
Mansfield Secondary College



Snow River Campus update

Amy, Ava, Ethan, Daniel, Andy and I have been at the Snowy campus for 7 weeks and we have done so many fun things. On the 11th of March we had "visiting" weekend where we got to see our families after being away from them for the past 5 weeks. This was a very emotional weekend for some of us.

We have continued to do activities such as caving, MTB, SUPing (Stand up paddle boarding) and a 3 day canoe and hiking Expedition. We have still been learning about the 9 learning concepts throughout our time here.

While we are here, we have to do a CLP which is a Community Learning Project, where we have to choose something that could improve our community back at our home school. We have chosen to change the school uniform back at our home school. One of the reasons why we are changing them is because the shirts are see through when they get wet or sweaty. Also, lots of students don't like to wear the uniform which means we aren't able to represent the school.

Recently at the SSL we had expo 2. For the first expo it was mainly on the beach but this time we were canoeing as well as hiking. To start we walked along the beach before heading through Marlo to the angling club. When we were there, we put the canoes in the water and paddled across the river to Corringale. On day 2 we canoed all day up stream against the wind, so it was difficult. At lunch we ate in a cow paddock where we climbed a hill. In the distance we saw a shed but didn't think anything of it. Little did we know this was where we were camping and that we were about to paddle 3 more km just to loop around to it. On day 3 we woke up at 4:30am so no one was very happy. We canoed a bit further upstream before it opened. When we got to the other side of the lake we got out and pulled the canoes up onto the bank ready for the next group. When we were about to get going it started raining so we put on our gortex. As soon as we had the gortex on the rain just stopped. After a bit of walking up Mt Raymond we had morning tea before running into the other expo group. When we got to the top, we took group photo's before driving back to campus. Overall, we travelled about 30kms canoeing and hiking.

Braydan Phillips





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30 March 2023



Mt Buller Local School Student Discounted SEASON MEMBERSHIP OFFER

Mt Buller is once again offering local Mansfield/Mt Buller primary and/or secondary students (conditions apply), access to Local School Season Membership at the exclusive price of \$639.

An application must be submitted no later than **15th April 2023** in order to gain access to this offer.

Follow this link to apply: <https://forms.bullerholidays.com.au/view.php?id=85906>

Please note: schools do NOT process applications or payments, please contact Buller Ski Lifts directly if you have any questions.

Once the application deadline has passed, Buller Holidays will confirm enrolment for each applicant with the school nominated on the application form. After the enrolment has been confirmed, Mt Buller eStore will send an email with a link to purchase these exclusive Local School Season Memberships.

Once an application is submitted (before the 15th April deadline) and the student enrolment is confirmed, parents are able to purchase online any time before the end of the 2023 season. (There is no expiry on the Local School Season Membership offer).

Students are able to collect their pre-purchased 2023 Season Membership B-TAGS from the Village Ticket Office at Mt Buller from opening weekend (10th June).

A note regarding the MSC Wednesday Snowsports Program
 The MSC Wednesday Snowsports program will run again this year for interested Year 7-10 students each week in Term 3. Look out for information from the College next Term to register your child.



Mansfield & District

You're invited Community Impact Program Information Session

A Community Grant may be just what your organisation needs to make a great idea happen.

Our Community Impact Program invests in the growth of a resilient, sustainable and thriving community.

The program aims to be nimble enough to meet the most pressing community needs in the short term, whilst addressing broader long-term community projects founded around our 5 Key Impact Pillars: Leadership, Opportunity & Innovation, Wellbeing, Collaboration & Livability.

Join us at our Information Session to find out more & be eligible to apply.



When Monday 1 May
Time 6:00 - 7:30pm
Where Mansfield Football Netball Club Rooms, Highett St, Mansfield.
RSVP By Thursday 27 April 2023 at: <https://bit.ly/40dE4nR>



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GET PAID FOR YOUR TIME

YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

FIRST MEETING !

Wed 29 2023

4PM - 5PM

MANSFIELD YOUTH CENTRE
7 ERRIL STREET
BEHIND DELATITE DENTAL

FUTURE PROOF AIMS TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE MORE INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND EXPRESS THEIR PASSIONS ABOUT DISASTER RECOVERY

Mansfield District Hospital

MANSFIELD RESTART

A community response to the harms of substance use & addiction

WHO

Anyone concerned about their own personal struggle with alcohol or drugs, or anyone concerned about someone they care about can access this service

Effective treatment that attends to the multiple needs of the individual; not just drug use, including medical and psychological wellbeing, social and family networks of support, vocational, spiritual, legal domains of life. Respecting age, gender, ethnicity, and culture.

Implementing evidence-based best practice with support from St Vincent's Addiction Medicine and Goulburn Valley Health Alcohol and Drug service.

No referral is needed. Call 5775 8800 and ask to make an appointment with the RESTART nurse

Community-led approach offers patients a wrap around service which is holistic and person centred increasing chances of recovery.

Free. Confidential. 24/7 support service.

"RESTART is so supportive and helped me to get to where I wanted to in life."

"The support I received was monumental and lifechanging. When I was at my lowest point, this service was introduced to me and provided so much help."

"Happy with life and glad to have achieved it with your help. Thanks for getting me on the right track for a better life."

EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

Sunday, 23rd April 2023
 11 AM – 3 PM
 JAMIESON RECREATION RESERVE
 Jamieson-Licola Rd

Meet local firefighters, police, paramedics, SES, Wildlife, Game Officers and many more!
 See the latest emergency equipment in action.
 Food on site; Pizzas, Sausage sizzle and drinks.

FREE ADMISSION



2023 WINTER NETBALL COMPETITION

Registrations open!

Go to www.netballconnect.com

Starts Friday 28th April till 4th August
 Team lists and uniforms will be provided week starting 3rd April

Competition Fees

VNA registered players \$77
 Non VNA registered players \$141
 (\$64 goes to Netball Vic Insurance)

Age Groups

Under 10s (Born 2013/2014)
 Under 12s (Born 2011/2012)
 Open (Born 2010 & below)

Training Nights

Under 10s - Wednesdays 3:45pm
 Under 12s - Tuesdays 3:45pm
 Open - Mondays (maybe 2 time slots TBC)

By joining the competition you agree that the teams may be changed within the first 3 weeks upon the committees evaluation, to ensure for an even and enjoyable season for all.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE STRICTLY FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

Any problems please contact us via our Facebook [Group](#) "Mansfield Junior Netball Club" or email us at mjnclub20@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF VENILALE INVITE YOU TO THE

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

SATURDAY APRIL 1ST
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Glenroy Cottage, 280 Glenroy Rd, Mansfield
 Cost: \$25 per person. includes afternoon tea, music & guest speaker Andrew Mahar, Timor Leste's Consul General to Victoria.
 All proceeds support education scholarships for Venilale students.

Bookings: Trybooking or call Julie on 0412 640 146



[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CFUYI](https://www.trybooking.com/CFUYI)



Mansfield District Soccer Club

Come and Try Soccer Day

Sunday April 2nd 10am - 11.30am

Come have a run, a kick and lots of fun!

New and returning players welcome - Free sausage sizzle to follow

Season runs April 30th - August 13th (except school holidays)

Sundays 10am - 11.30am. Primary and secondary aged players Optional

Wednesday Training: 4pm-5pm for Grade 3 and up

Shin guards necessary - Boots recommended

The club has some boots that can be borrowed for the season.

Registration

1st child \$85 paid prior to season commencing April 30th

2nd sibling \$80 - 3rd sibling \$70 - 4th or more free

Contact Chris Nealon for more information 0428 615 907 or mansfielddistrictsoccerclub@gmail.com