



# MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

# Newsletter



*Mt Buller Annex students enjoying a visit from BioLAB*

## CALENDAR

### TERM 3

#### Week 4

**Wed 2/8** - Week 4 Snowsports Program

**Wed 2/8** - Payment due for Week 5 Snowsports

**Wed 2/8** - Uniform Shop open lunchtime (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

**Wed 2/8** - Yr 10-11 Information Evening

#### Week 5

**Wed 9/8** - Week 5 Snowsports Program

**Wed 9/8** - Payment due for Week 6 Snowsports

**Wed 9/8** - Uniform Shop open lunchtime (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

**Wed 9/8** - Yr 10-11 Course Counselling

**Thu 10/8** - Hume Region Yr 7 Netball

**Fri 11/8** - Round Robin 3

#### Week 6

**Wed 16/8** - Week 6 Snowsports Program

**Wed 16/8** - Payment due for Week 7 Snowsports

**Wed 16/8** - Uniform Shop open lunchtime (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

#### Week 7

**Mon 21/8** - Smile Squad onsite

**Wed 23/8** - Week 7 Snowsports Program

**Wed 23/8** - Payment due for Week 8 Snowsports

**Wed 23/8** - Uniform Shop open lunchtime (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

#### Week 8

**Wed 30/8** - Week 8 Snowsports Program

**Wed 30/8** - Payment due for Week 9 Snowsports

**Wed 30/8** - Uniform Shop open lunchtime (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

## From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Snowsports:

We continue to have record numbers of students attending the Wednesday snow program. Thanks to everyone who is involved, particularly our parent volunteers and our coordinators Abbey McConnell and Chelsea Dean in the School Office. Snowsports builds important skills around working together, being responsible, and being aware of our alpine context. We hope the snow stays around long enough to see out the term.

The Interschool Snowsports competition has already started accepting entries. If you would like a registration form please contact the School Office. These forms and payment are due by the end of the day Friday 4th August.

### Exchange Students:

We welcome two exchange students this week.

- Frida Drachmann comes to us from Denmark, with the support of Rotary International. Currently she is staying with the Alexander family, but there are a range of hosts working with her during her 12 month stay. Welcome Frida!
- Jiran Ramadha is an Indonesian national, sponsored by Indoaustay, and with the support of both Ibu Burton and the Gerrans family is staying with us for 6 weeks. Ibu Burton is looking for students interested in a north-bound exchange at the end of the year. Welcome Jiran!

### Year 10 to 11 Course Counselling:

Coming up next week are the course counselling meetings for students commencing the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) in 2024. The information night for parents will be held this evening. Senior school staff will work with students and parents to discuss VCE pathways. Reach out to Jess Macdowell (Head of Senior School) with any questions.

### Victorian Young Leaders - Indonesian Virtual Immersion:

We are privileged to be one of just nine Victorian schools to have students involved in the Victorian Young Leaders Indonesian Immersion program. For the next three weeks, four of our Year 9 students will be attending classes delivered in partnership across the state and internationally. The online classes run each afternoon, and students are involved in a range of collaborative projects to support their learning. Well done to our student participants - Amy Les, Marly Kelleher, Amelia Stevenson and Nathan Tremmel. Thanks to Ibu Burton for organizing this opportunity.



## From the Principal (continued)

### Benalla-Mansfield-Wangaratta Network Day:

On Thursday last week we hosted 20 principals and senior school staff for the Benalla, Mansfield, Wangaratta network day. As part of the day, they had the opportunity to be involved in a classroom 'learning walk'. Most of our network staff are primary school based, so it was a great opportunity for them to see secondary classrooms and speak to secondary aged students. The visitors spoke about our calm and orderly classrooms, the different learning activities occurring, the skills of our teaching team, the depth of knowledge particularly of our senior students, and the beautiful learning environments we have. It was a great showcase of our students and our school.

Kind regards  
**Timothy Hall**

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## Mt Buller Annex

It's been a great start to the 2023 season up here at the Mt Buller Annex. The first few weeks of term were blessed with great snow conditions and many bluebird days with our students making the most of the conditions.

Last week we were visited by BioLAB who ran classes both in the classroom and on the snow for three days. BioLAB are one of the State government's Maths/Science centres and their particular focus is on sport and human performance. This is the eighth year BioLAB have travelled from Belmont to join us up on Buller and their visits are always one of the highlights of the season.

This year the group looked at three main areas. We examined the use of technology in sport and how the primary data we could drag out of human performance could be used to create graphs and tables and in turn inform coaching and improve performance. Each student was rigged up with high end GPS units and heart rate monitors before their sessions for two consecutive days. Data generated from these units was used to build booklets where students could represent it in various ways and make conclusions around their performances.

We studied materials technology and devised an experiment to test various materials used to make socks for Alpine environments. Students used hot water bottles, thermal imaging cameras and temperature probes to test their hypotheses in the snow.

Finally we looked at arousal and its effect on performance. We booked the sports hall and used a class set of 'Fitlights' to test student's reaction times at baseline, with increased heart rates and while in a more relaxed state. All results were logged and worked on in another custom designed booklet.

Needless to say it was an incredibly enjoyable and educational three days. All up the students were exposed to over \$60k dollars worth of equipment in the three days in some thoroughly engaging lessons.

A huge thank you to BioLAB for their ongoing commitment to the Annex. Can't wait to see what you come up with next year.

### **Sam Magree**

Mt Buller Annex Teacher



## Year 11 2024 Course Counselling

All students commencing Year 11 in 2024 will enrol in a program to complete their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) with the option of pursuing their VCE with a Vocational Major (VM). For students who are not yet ready to complete their VCE, the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) will enable students to continue building their literacy, numeracy, academic and vocational skills.

To support our current Year 10 students in selecting their senior school pathway, we are conducting face-to-face interviews to discuss 2024 subject selections and pathways. Each student and their family will have 30 minutes allocated to their appointment with a member of MSC staff to discuss senior school pathways, subject selections, subject information, and program requirements. Bookings will be made online and information regarding how to book these appointments will be provided over the coming two weeks.

All parents are encouraged to attend the College on Wednesday 9th August at their elected appointment time with their child to discuss 2024 subject selections. Students will attend classes as per the normal timetable on the day and will be released from class during their appointment time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via email [jessica.macdowell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jessica.macdowell@education.vic.gov.au) or phone 03 5775 2022.

**Jessica Macdowell**  
Senior School Coordinator

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## Hume Region Senior Boys Basketball

Last Tuesday 25th July, the senior boys basketball headed off to the Shepparton sports stadium to mix their skill and attitude with the Regions best!

An early start in the coaster along with some wake-up tunes to build an atmosphere seemed to work as the boys played well and had Notre Dame for the entirety of the game until losing control of it in the last minutes and being beaten by 3 points to the eventual winner. From this point the air left the balloon and Wodonga Catholic College had all the answers scoring at will and the boys couldn't find a shot from either long or close range!

Ben Les had lots of the ball and Max and Archie were good decoys at times, but the usual flow was not there and the boys went down again by a decent margin.

The final game pitted the lads against Gaelen College Wangaratta and the usually confident MSC side seemed deflated. PK tried, and Seth hit a long range 3 pointer, but the usual zip from Dylan was not there. Lachie defended without support and a 20 point deficit meant the game was gone. Licking their wounds and climbing back into the van the mood was very sombre. Only the golden arch across the highway seemed to lift the spirit. Once the orders were processed and the dissemination of what went wrong laid to rest, the MSC senior boys basketball tradition seemed in good hands for the 2024 competition.

Next Thursday 10th August the Year 7 netball side will head off to their region competition in Wangaratta and the following day will see the Round Robin teams heading out to play across the district.

If you have any inquiries around school sport please contact me at school.

**Christian Thomson**  
Sports Coordinator





## Go-Girl, Get Real With IT Excursion

Last term female students in Years 7-12 were invited to take part in a technology conference showcasing ESTEAM careers for girls with an interest in Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and/or Maths fields.

On Wednesday 21st June the girls headed to Deakin University Burwood Campus and had an information packed day learning about the growing world of technology on a vast range of future career paths. The girls learnt about the infrastructure behind our phone grids and the differences between 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G. They then had a go at building a phone tower using spaghetti, sticky tape, marshmallows and string.

They were all excellent school representatives while being engaged and inquisitive by the wild world of technology and IT in creative, construction and environmental fields of work.

**Brigitte Brocklesby**  
Art Teacher



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## Year 7 English

Year 7 students have been studying the novel 'Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus'. The main character in the novel was born without arms. Last week some of our Year 7's learnt firsthand how difficult eating without hands can be as they attempted to feed themselves marshmallows without using their hands.

**Melanie Brooks**  
English Teacher





A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Victoria Police and local agencies

**Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!**

**WEDNESDAY 6 September, 2023**

**Alexandra Football & Netball Club  
53 William Street, Alexandra**

**7pm Start** (concludes approx 9pm)

**Free Entry**

Limited spaces, please register your attendance via [Eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)  
[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/coolheads-young-driver-program-alexandra-tickets-663346616587](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/coolheads-young-driver-program-alexandra-tickets-663346616587)

**Enquiries:**  
Leading Senior Constable Atkinson  
(03) 5760 0200

If you require a certificate of attendance, please register at the CoolHeads desk prior to taking your seat.



VICTORIA POLICE



## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Jade or Sharon

[enquiriesp@berrystreet.org.au](mailto:enquiriesp@berrystreet.org.au)

1300 610 355

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## YOUTH CENTRE OPEN HOURS

**MONDAYS 3.30PM - 5PM**

GAMES

**TUESDAYS 3.30PM - 5PM**

ARTS & CRAFTS

**WEDNESDAYS 3.30PM - 5PM**

YOUTH GROUPS & GAMES

Games Include: Basketball Court, Pool Table, Board & Card Games, Xbox and Arts/Crafts

