

MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

Newsletter

CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 10

Thu 14/9 - Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Student Interviews - 4pm - 7pm

Thu 14/9 - Footy Colours Dress Day (gold coin donation for MND)

Fri 15/9 - Song Writing Competition entries due

Fri 15/9 - Assembly at 1:35pm

Fri 15/9 - Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm dismissal

TERM 4

Week 1

Mon 2/10 - First day of Term 4

Wed 4/10 - Cheviot Tunnel - Year 7 Pursuits

Wed 4/10 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Thu 5/10 - Hume Region Athletics

Thu 5/10 - Dolly's Dream Presentation

Week 2

Mon 9/10 - Annual Clay Target Championships, Benalla

Tue 10/10 - 2024 Year 7 Information Night - 5:30pm

Tue 10/10 - Yr 11 VCE VM First Aid Course

Wed 11/10 - Yr 7 & 10 Immunisation catch ups

Wed 11/10 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Week 3

Mon 16/10 - Year 12 Celebration Assembly & Bricklaying Ceremony

Wed 18/10 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Thu 19/10 - Yr 7 & 8 Hume Region Boys Basketball

Week 4

Mon 23/10 - Fri 27/10 - Yr 8 Rubicon Camp

Mon 23/10 - Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 Hume Region Girls Basketball

Wed 25/10 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Week 5

Mon 30/10 - Fri 3/11 - Smile Squad van onsite

Wed 1/11 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Thu 2/11 - Year 9 Melbourne History Excursion

Week 6

Mon 6/11 - Curriculum Day - No students at school

Tue 7/11 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wed 8/11 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Week 7

Mon 13/11 - Fri 17/11 - Smile Squad van onsite

Wed 15/11 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Week 8

Mon 20/11 - Fri 24/11 - Smile Squad van onsite

Wed 22/11 - Uniform Shop open (12:40pm - 1:30pm)

Fri 24/11 - Year 12 Graduation at The Sebel

From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent Teacher Student Interviews (PTS):

This Thursday we are conducting our PTS interviews for Years 7-10 which follow on from the publication of the Progress Reports on Compass.



I encourage you to bring your child to these interviews and let them be a part of the conversation. Teachers will usually lead a series of reflective questions to help students understand their learning progress and what their 'next steps' are. Here are four questions you might like to ask the teachers:

- What is my child learning?
- How are they going?
- How can they improve?
- What supports can I provide at home?

Enjoy the conversation!

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) & Vocational Major (VCE VM):

Students in Year 12 are well into the process of completing their studies for the year. Most of their courses conclude this week, with time in the first three weeks of Term 4 for revision, exam preparation and course completion.

During the term break, trial exams for VCE students are run with an external examiner, using the same conditions that students will experience for the end of year exams. It is their best opportunity to practice those important exam skills, as well as providing an opportunity to tidy up any misconceptions still remaining about the course work. Practice makes perfect!

For parents of students taking the exams, these holidays are a critical time for supporting and encouraging your young person. You may well find that students are a bit 'tetchy' during this time. Just rely on those reserves of patience, and work with your young person to structure and plan their time. My suggestion is some time of recreation and some time of study. Students in Year 12 should absolutely be working on their revision for a significant part of the term break.

Mt Buller Annex:

During the winter term we have again had a selection of students enrolled in the Mt Buller Annex program. We enable classroom lessons to occur in the afternoons, that complement the on-snow training of these aspiring athletes in the morning.

Students have been tracking their learning journey throughout the term which culminates in a presentation of their work this week at the Presentation Night. Well done to Sam Magree, teacher at the Annex. We look forward to welcoming these students back in Term 4.

Poetry Slam:

Ms Wale organised a Poetry Slam Performance by spoken word performer, Megan Riedl, on Tuesday for Year 9 students. With the curriculum currently focusing on poetry and creative writing, it was a great opportunity. We work hard to find the 'spark' for each of our young people, and this will have been that moment for someone in the audience. Well done to Ms Wale and the Year 9 students, who were beautifully behaved for the presentation. For more information on Megan Riedl, please visit: <https://meganriedl.com/>

Football and Netball:

Whilst not a school event, we are proud of the way in which our young footballers and netballers have performed this year. They are great ambassadors for our community, of note:

Goulburn Valley League

- U15 Girls - lost their second final by just one point!
- U18 Boys - played the first final
- Seniors - recognising a number of our students playing with the Senior football team, who went through to the finals as well

From the Principal (continued)

Ovens & King

- All the netball and football teams for Bonnie Doon through to the finals
- We have girls that play in all age groups for the club
- U15, U17, B Res, B are all in the netball grand final this weekend

Wangaratta District Junior Football

- U14 Yellow team went through to first final

Term 4:

All the best for the term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2nd October.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Adventure Challenge

In Term 3 the Adventure Challenge class has planted trees and learnt about the health of the Broken River as part of our land degradation and rehabilitation unit. We thank Kim Magnay for taking the time to teach us about the local Landcare program.

Whilst we may not have managed to get out cross country skiing this year, we were able to have two great days of canoeing instead. The first session was an introduction to canoeing where we learnt about safety and paddling techniques. We travelled to Lake Nillahcootie, where we explored Sandy Creek inlet and enjoyed our lunch by the campfire.

Our second day trip was to Lake William Hovell where we enjoyed a glorious day paddling up to the King River for lunch and a brisk swim before returning to Mansfield in the late afternoon.

Sam Manson

Adventure Challenge Teacher



Snowsports Program

Mansfield Secondary College's Snowsports Program is the most established program offered by a Victorian Government School. This year we had over 170 students participate in the program.

Many students started off as beginners and finished the season competent intermediate skiers and snowboarders. Those students who had already mastered their craft had the opportunity to fine tune their skills. With snow light on the ground towards the end of term, many of our more advanced skiers tried their hand at snowboarding with great success.

While the weekly lessons develop students' skills in skiing and snowboarding, the Alpine environment builds on students' leadership, resilience and communication skills. Our students represented MSC in the community exceptionally well and they should all be very proud.

We thank our parent helpers who were vital to the programs success.

A big thank you to all and looking forward to next season!

Abbey McConnell

Snowsports Coordinator



Term 3 Sports Wrap Up

Last Thursday 7 September our athletics team travelled to Shepparton for the Southern Ranges meet with other district schools. We had 25 of our students move onto the next step in competition which is held in Albury at the Les O'Brien centre on Thursday 5th October.

Congratulations to the following students;

Gemma Revell - 100m & 200m, Ellie Marks - High Jump, Molly Dunn - 100m & 200m, Peyton Male - 400m & Triple Jump, Harper Russell - 400m, Quinn Russell - 400m & Long Jump, Ava Mahoney - 800m, 1500m & 400m, Erin Brond - Triple Jump, Adele Leon - 800m & 1500m, Charlotte Carman - Discus & Shot Put, Amy Cash - Discus Judah Kelleher - 100m, 200m & 800m, Max Mahoney - 400m & 800m, Trent Berry - 400m & Hurdles, Zac Hotton - 400m, 800m & 1500m, James Benton - 400m & Relay, James De Montfort Wellborne - High Jump & Triple Jump, Ashton Dean - 100m & 200m, Tristan Fox - 1500m, Harry Purcell - 1500m, Lachie Pickering - High Jump & 1500m, Alex Davyd - Long Jump & Triple Jump, Zac Empey - Discus & Shot Put and the U15 boys Relay.



A huge thankyou to Miss Myles and Jenny Hearn for supporting the students on the day!

Other events coming up next term at the Shepparton Sports Stadium are the boys Year 7&8 Regional basketball on 19th October and the girls Year 7, 8 & Intermediate basketball on 23rd October. MSC's Round Robin is happening on 22nd November for students in Years 7-9 and voting for our 2024 Sports Captains will take place at the end of November.

We have had some great results across Mansfield & Bonnie Doon's junior netball and football with students competing in finals over the coming weeks. There have also been some terrific individual results in competition vote count nights. Please feel free to contact me about recognising any student sporting achievements as I'm not always aware of the diverse sporting pursuits in our school community.

Christian Thomson
Sports Coordinator

R U OK? Day

September 14 this year is R U OK? Day in Australia. This day started in 2009 and encourages people to have conversations with friends, family, colleagues, associates, or strangers to check in and to offer support. By asking 'Are you OK?', doesn't mean you need to be able to solve another person's problem, but shows that you care, that you are willing to listen and to help that person to get the help that they need. For young people, support can mean helping friends to speak to a trusted adult, a counsellor or one of the services listed below. The final step in this process is following up/ checking in again.

4 out of 10 people choose not to ask R U OK? because they don't think they are qualified to have an important conversation. This year's theme is "I'm here to hear", which reinforces that you don't need qualifications to talk with someone about mental health. A conversation really can change a life.

Check out the R U OK Day website (www.ruok.org.au) for more information about mental health and supports, along with videos you can watch with your friends and/or family members.

If someone says they are not OK, or you think they, or yourself, might need some support, some contact numbers you can call are ...

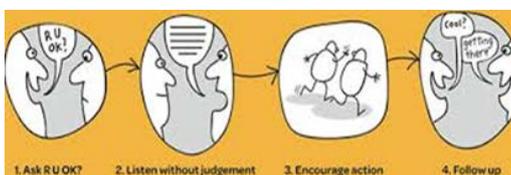
- ReachOut au.reachout.com
- Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Kids Help line 1800 551 800
- Suicide Call Back line 1300 659 467
- MensLine 1300 78 99 78
- Headspace 1800 650 890
- 1800RESPECT 1800 737 732 (sexual assault, domestic & family violence)
- 13YARN (ATSI people) 13 92 76
- QLife 1800 184 527 (LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral)
- The Wellbeing Team at Mansfield Secondary College 5775 2022



Enjoy the holidays, and remember, asking the important question of R U OK? can be done on any day, not just once a year ...

Chris Nicholls

Adolescent Health Nurse
christina.nichollseducation.vic.gov.au



Mt Buller Annex

Even though Mother Nature hasn't played her part this year, spirits are still high up here at the Mansfield Secondary College Mt Buller Annex. As the season draws to a close, students are furiously completing their work but have still had time to pause and reflect on what has been a very successful season for many.

Our students competed valiantly in this year's Victorian Interschools recording some outstanding individual and team results. It was a shame that Nationals had to be cancelled due to the lack of snow as 13 of our 19 students qualified and would have competed.

Although the quality of the skiing on offer has not been what we had hoped for, the classroom has been a bustling space with many excursions and special guests this year.

As well as our three day visit from BioLAB and our excursion to the Snowmaking Factory we were lucky enough to be joined on the eve of Interschools by Hannes Grimus from Grimus Ski Center. Hannes was an elite Jr Skier and now runs the Ski Center and Hotel Pension Grimus when not coaching World Cup athletes in Austria over the Northern Hemisphere winter. Hannes had all the students bring their equipment in and went over proper tuning and waxing techniques. He discussed proper ski selection and boot fitting and how to get your gear race ready for Interschools. As always the group had some fantastic questions and were very hands on through the session.

Last week we were lucky enough to be invited to Mt Buller Ski Patrol Base to spend two consecutive afternoons working with the patrollers up there. Our students went through CPR, how to stop bleeding, actions in an emergency, backcountry hazards, most common injuries on the mountain, risk assessment and the pathway to becoming a Ski Patroller. This was an amazing couple of sessions and a relationship we hope to grow into the future.

As with all good things though the term is fast coming to an end. Students will present their final Celebration movies at the Mt Buller Cinema on Wednesday 13th September and that will be it for the year.

I'd like to thank this years group of students who have remained positive in what has been trying conditions at times. They should all be very proud.

Sam Magree

Mt Buller Annex Teacher



Dolly's Dream Workshops

Bonnie Doon Youth Group have partnered with MSC to bring the Dolly's Dream Workshops to students in Year 7-10. Each year level will undertake a 50-minute workshop on the day focussing on:

Year 7 & 8 Students

Digital Dilemmas – know what to do!

In this workshop students will explore the concepts of:

- Banter vs Bullying
- Upstander vs Bystander
- Support and how to Report – the importance of where to go and what to do

Year 9 & 10 Students

Digital Dramas – take control!

In this workshop students will explore the concepts of

- Bullying – the ugly truth
- Show Up – for yourself and others
- Support and how to Report – the importance of where to go and what to do



Students in both workshops will gain knowledge and understanding about how to make the internet a safe and kind place for all.



2024 YEAR 7 INFORMATION NIGHT

Prospective Mansfield Secondary College 2024 Year 7 students and their parents are invited & encouraged to join us for an Information Night.

5:30pm - Tuesday, 10 October 2023
MSC STEAM Building, 15 View Street

FEATURING:

- MSC expectations
- What students & parents can expect
- Curriculum overview
- Enrolment process
- How to order uniform

RSVP to attend

 mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au  03 5775 2022

ENROLMENT Packs will be provided on the night. Alternatively please contact the MSC School Office to collect after the 10th of October. Enrolments are due by 27th October 2023.



CALLING ALL MSC SONGWriters!



Mansfield Secondary College is proud to announce the 2023 Song Writing Competition!

Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm AEST Friday 15th September, 2023

The top 5 songs will get the opportunity to perform their song at the Awards Night Concert in Term 4, with the winner announced on the night.

For a full list of Terms and Conditions please see the music team!



Holiday Reads

Term 3 week 10

We have a number of great books available. We are encouraging all students to come and pick something to read for the school holidays!

Champion – Ash Barty



Making the Ash Barty story available to younger readers, and in her own words, is fabulous. Starting from the path through her most junior days where she realised that she was meant to play tennis and was regularly beating opponents much older than her, through all the life lessons that she learnt along the way - things like never belittling your opponent, always trying your best and accepting defeat graciously.

Dirrarn – Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler



We first met Mia in Black Cockatoo, as she navigated her way through culture, Country and familial ties. Dirrarn follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school and the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home, family, and the big sky country she loves.

Alex: Through My Eyes Australian Disaster Zones – Rosanne Hawke & Edited by Lyn White



Alex lives in outback South Australia, in a town that is slowly dying from the impact of a continued drought. After the bushfires most Australians believe that everything is now fine, but this is far from the truth in 2020. This is a great series looking at tough situations faced by young Australians, particularly country kids, that I find really insightful. With themes of climate change, family struggles, depression and communities working together to make a better future, this will be a terrific novel inspiring group discussion for readers from Year 5 to 8.

Mansfield Shire Youth

School Holiday Program

September School Holiday Calendar

- For Years 7-12 Students
- Under 18 must have consent from Parent/Guardian.
- Over 18 must have a WWCC.
- Spaces are limited for each event
- Food Provided

Book via QR or web link:



www.linktr.ee/youthservicesmansfieldshire

Week One

Monday 18 Sept

Storytelling Workshop
Day 1
10:30AM - 1PM
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Tuesday 19 Sept

Storytelling Workshop
Day 2
10.30AM - 1PM
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Wednesday 20 Sept

Storytelling Workshop
Day 3
10.30AM - 1PM
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Week Two

Monday 25 Sept

Emergency Services Panel**
with Red Cross
1PM - 3.30PM
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Tuesday 26 Sept

Bob Ross Painting Tutorial
1PM - 3PM
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

Wednesday 27 Sept

Terrarium Building + Crafts
1PM - 3PM
7 Erril Street, Mansfield

** COMMUNITY EVENT



MANSFIELD TENNIS ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION

Junior Membership \$40

ALL WELCOME TO COME AND TRY

STARTING SATURDAY OCTOBER 7
9 AM TO 11 AM

The competition runs on Saturday mornings in Term 4 and Term 1 (except for public holiday weekends). Ages: Grades 3 and above. Hot Shots Program available for younger children who need to start in a modified program. For more information head to our website

WWW.PLAY.TENNIS.COM.AU/MANSFIELDTENNISASSOCIATION

NORTH EAST BUSHRANGERS BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL Clinic

September School Holidays 2023

Age Groups
U10's, U12's, U14's & 16-18's

LEARN BASKETBALL SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES FROM EXPERTS

16 September - Benalla
23 September - Mansfield
7 October - Alexandra

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION




Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting

This free six-week program aims to help parents and carers of teenagers to understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.



If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- communicate more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship
- build on your skills as a parent.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Tomorrow Today Shop 10, 66 Nunn Street Benalla	Wednesday 18th October - 22nd November 5.30pm - 7.30pm	This is a free program

To Register

You can contact Karen Curl at Tomorrow Today on 03 5762 1211 or admin@tomorrowtoday.com.au
You can also register by scanning the QR Code or [click here](#).



RSVP by Monday 16th October

Bookings are essential

gatewayhealth.org.au

Please note this information applies to Term 4 2023



MANSFIELD TENNIS ASSOCIATION

TENNIS

REGISTER NOW!

2023/2024 SUMMER NIGHT DOUBLES COMP

TUESDAY- A GRADE
WED & THURS - B GRADE
7PM START

TO SIGN UP HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE
WWW.PLAY.TENNIS.COM.AU/MANSFIELDTENNISASSOCIATION

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE WED 27TH SEPT
COMP STARTS OCT 10 2023

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MANSFIELDTENNISASSOC@GMAIL.COM

