

# MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE

# Newsletter

## From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,



### Teacher Introductions:

We are now in Week 4 and you should have received an email from each of your child's teachers introducing themselves. Feel free to reach out to them if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education.

### Parent Collaboration with MSC:

- The Year 7 parents BBQ was well attended last week, providing an opportunity for parents to meet our staff, strengthening the home-school partnership.
- The next formal interaction with parents will be at the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews later this term.
- The Swimming Carnival is scheduled for this Friday. Parents are encouraged to attend to cheer on their children with the first event starting at 10am. Dismissal will be from the pool at the end of the day.

### School Council Elections:

The School Council serves as the governing body of the College, meeting approximately every fourth Monday for 2 ½ hours. The Council oversees the College's finances, sets strategic direction, and supports grounds maintenance and fundraising. Positions on the Council are open to parents, teachers, students, and community representatives.

Congratulations to Kate Stonnill and Damien Gerrans, the successful parent representatives for 2024 and 2025. There is one vacant parent position available, and nominations are welcome until 4pm on Monday 26th February. Nomination forms can be obtained from the School Office.

### School Photos:

School photos were taken last week, with backup photos for absent students and sibling photos being captured on Monday 26th February.

Kind Regards  
Timothy Hall

## CALENDAR

### TERM 1

#### Week 4

Wed 21/2 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Fri 23/2 - House Swimming Sports

#### Week 5

Mon 26/2 - School photo back up day

Mon 26/2 - Tue 27/2 - AVC Mt Stirling Camp

Wed 28/2 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 28/2 - Fri 1/3 - OES Mt Buffalo Camp

Fri 1/3 - Unit 3 Biology Ecolinc Excursion

#### Week 6

Tue 5/3 - Southern Ranges Swimming

Wed 6/3 - Luna Park Physics Excursion

Wed 6/3 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

#### Week 7

Mon 11/3 - Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 13/3 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm



Students have been given their  
School Photo Order Form.

Photos can now be ordered directly  
through National Photography via  
their website.

[www.nationalphotography.com.au](http://www.nationalphotography.com.au)

## Year 8 Indonesian Students Go Tropical

Year 8 students are currently learning about food in their Indonesian class. A recent highlight was the opportunity to taste a variety of tropical fruits, including watermelon, mango, lychees, avocado, star fruit and dragon fruit. Students completed a survey about their opinion of each fruit in Indonesian, as they tasted each one.

A big thank you to Tahlee Davis, Holly Leatham, Max Meadows, Deane Sauerbeck, Marley Huriwaka, Jacob Paulus, Billy Barnett, James Baklis and Kezi Wolfe, who volunteered to help cut up and plate the fruit for all three classes during their lunch time.



### Erica Lowing

Indonesian Teacher

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## Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival is being held this Friday 23rd February. All students must come to school at the start of day and not meet down at the pool!! This is so they can be accounted for and have their competitor number written on their arm. Students can order lunches from the school canteen before school and these will be brought down at 1:00pm. The SRC will be cooking a BBQ and students are able to purchase things from the kiosk, however it is a limited selection. Dismissal will be from the pool at 3:20pm and all bus travellers will catch the bus from Mansfield Primary School.

Please note the following are approximate times and may vary due to weather, program holdups and other issues.

- 10:00am - Medley Relay
- 10:30am - 100m Freestyle
- 10:50am - 33m Butterfly
- 11:20am - 66m Backstroke
- 11:50am - 66m Breaststroke + Multi-Class 33m
- 12:20pm - Novelty Kickboard
- 12:40pm - Novelty Dog Paddle
- 1:10pm - Lunch
- 1:30pm - 66m Freestyle + Multi-Class 33m
- 2:00pm - Freestyle Relay
- 2:30pm - 13-20-year-old 200m Freestyle
- 3:00pm - Presentations

### Christian Thomson

Sports Coordinator



## Work Experience/School Based Apprenticeships

### Work Experience:

Work Experience can be undertaken when a student is 15 years of age, which is generally for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Some exemptions can be organised to do Work Experience at 14 years of age, but the school discourages this because of the onerous conditions put on employers (requiring Working With Children's Cards) and monitoring for schools.

At Mansfield Secondary College Year 10 students undertake a mandatory one block of five days Work Experience usually at the end of Term 2. For other year levels, Work Experience can be organized on a case by case basis. Work Experience can be arranged depending on various elements including:

- Availability of placements
- Time of the year with exams and assessments
- Student behaviour

Undertaking Work Experience is generally compulsory when seeking a School Based Apprenticeship. If a student would like to undertake Work Experience placement please see Shelly Comben.

### School Based Apprenticeships:

If your child is interested in enrolling in a School Based Apprenticeship, please get in touch with Shelly Comben.

If your child is keen on the construction industry, explore this excellent chance to obtain a White Card. Inquire through MACE for more details..



prepare to work safely in the...  
**CONSTRUCTION  
INDUSTRY  
(WHITE CARD)  
QUALIFYING COURSE at MACE**

**FREE for  
participants  
25 years and  
under!**  
Ask on application

Successful completion of this course will allow you legal entry into building and construction sites throughout Victoria and across Australia.

**Thursday 14 March**

enquire through MACE 03 57752077

## Compass

Compass is the College's primary communication portal.

It is very important that parents (and students) have set up their log ins and access this tool regularly.



## Accessing Compass

If you have not logged into Compass and don't know how to, please contact the School Office on 5775 2022 or by email mansfield.sc@education.vic.gov.au. We will send you a 'welcome email' (tip: check your junk mail folder, this initial email may be in there) The Office team can also reset forgotten passwords and advise your family code.

## Tips:

- Your username is NOT an email address, it is your family code (for a student, it is their student code) eg.ABC0012
- Download the App on your smartphone, it is very handy for a quick review of a timetable or making an attendance note and turning the Notifications ON means you will be prompted when notes are uploaded (saves you missing notes if you don't access your emails very often)
- Some aspects of Compass are only available/or easier to navigate when using a desktop/laptop, rather than a phone (eg. Progress Reports)


## Attendance:

Please ensure that all absences are reported. In Compass, you will be able to track your child's attendance and also notify MSC of any absences.

## What can I do through Compass?

View timetables, tasks that are due, reports, events/excursions, book Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews, contact teachers directly etc.

**The Office team can answer most of your Compass queries, if not, we will find out for you!**



## FIRST AID AT SCHOOL

**Welcome to all our new families at MSC!**

**Did you know we have a First Aid room at school where students can come if they are unwell or injured?**

**If a student needs to go home due to illness or injury, our friendly staff will give parents/carers a call to arrange this.**

**Students should not be calling or texting parents while at school if they are not fit to remain on site.**

**Does your child require medication while at school? We will need some details from you before we can do this. Please get in touch with Erin in First Aid to arrange this.**

**We are here to help! Don't hesitate to get in touch to discuss your child's health needs.**



## LIBRARY NEWS

<h3>WHAT'S HAPPENING?</h3> <p>The Library is off and running again for 2024! We are delighted to see some regular classes using the Library throughout the week, as well as students borrowing books.</p>	<h3>COMPUTERS</h3> <p>Desktop computers are available for students to use in the Library during afternoon break.</p> <h3>BOARD GAMES</h3> <p>The Library now has board games for use during afternoon break, enjoy!</p>
<h3>LOVE THAT DOG</h3> <p>The Year 8 English class are currently studying the text 'Love that dog'. They have created a wonderful display for the Library filled with pictures and fun facts about their own dog. Thanks Year 8!</p>	<h3>READING HELPS REDUCE STRESS!</h3> <p>Studies have actually shown that leafing through a book can be up to 600% more efficient in relieving stress than playing a video game and 300% more efficient than going for a walk. Now that's a fun fact about reading.</p>
<h3>LIBRARY LOVE</h3> <p>We do our best to keep things current and fresh in the Library for our students, but we always love your input. If you have suggestions for what books you'd like to see in the Library, come and share it with us!</p>	<h3>INTERESTING READS</h3> <p>The story of a journey from beginnings through tragedy, transformation &amp; transcendence. 'Not about the bike' traces the remarkable journey of this great athlete to a singularly inspiring appreciation of life lived to the fullest.</p>

# Mansfield Pottery Festival

Labour Day Weekend 8-10 MARCH

# 2024



madpotters.org.au



**Potters Market** Sat 10am - 2pm  
Potters Stalls, Demonstrations & Clay Play  
High Street Mansfield

**Poets of Pottery Exhibition**  
Opening Friday 6pm. Sat & Sun 10 - 4pm  
Masonic Hall

**Workshops**  
Sunday. See website for details.

## 2024 DEBUTANTE BALL

### Expressions of Interest

Any Year 11 student who would like to participate in the 2024 Debutante Ball, please forward your expression of interest to 0400 557 990 with the following information:

- Name
- Partners name
- Parents email address
- Parents phone number

Planned for a later time this year

Please note: depending on interest, numbers may be restricted.



## JOIN GOULBURN VALLEY WATER'S CUSTOMER PANEL

Our new Customer Accountability Panel will be a key customer voice in planning for our future and reflecting on our promises and actions.

**We're seeking expressions of interest - here's your chance to be involved.**

The panel, a broad representation of our entire customer base, will meet annually. You don't need any experience in the water sector - we'll provide everything you need to participate. Panel participants will be paid for their time.



Find out more about the panel and submit your interest by scanning the QR code.

Expressions of interest close Friday 8 March.



## Alpine High Country Schools Mountain Bike Competition

### ROCKY TRAIL ACADEMY

Buller MTB Park  
**MT BULLER**  
FRI, 23 FEB 2024





More info



**Building resilience and life skills on rocky trails!**

Dedicated to nurturing the fundamental growth of mountain biking within school communities.

#### STUDENTS LOVE IT.

##### FLEXIBLE FORMAT AND LIVE TIMING.

3 timed race tracks for a balanced skillset challenge and a rewarding experience for all - from "park rats" to inexperienced riders and already racing kids.

#### HAPPY TEACHERS.

##### HIGHLY EXPERIENCED ORGANISERS.

Clear information and info material for parents and principals in the lead up and professional organisation by the Rocky Trail crew on the day.

#### IMPRESSED PARENTS.

##### GREAT VALUE AND SAFE EVENT ENVIRONMENT.

Affordable entry fee of \$55 per racer includes all race photos and AusCycling insurance. Kids will learn to appreciate nature, the environment, self-reliance and independence.

**SHIMANO**

