



Newsletter

From The Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Celebrations:

We always value the opportunity to see our students shine in a range of activities. This week we have celebrated with the team who attended the Hume Region swimming finals. They were great competitors and we have five swimmers successful in going through to the state championships: Kezi Wolfe - U14 butterfly, and the U14 relay consisting of Zac Hotton, James de Montfort Wellborne, Harris Kain and Noah Langlands. Also of note was Josephine Taylor who came 3rd in the U13 backstroke. Thanks to Mr Thomson for accompanying the students, and to the Mansfield Swim Club for their training and coaching programs.

I had the honour of attending the Instrumental Music concert on Tuesday night. Students gained valuable performance experience in front of a live audience of parents and peers. I fully understand the performance anxiety that some students struggle with, but like many such difficult endeavours, the overcoming of these fears builds lifelong capacities across tenacity, resilience, and self-management. Well done to all the performers! Thanks to Paul, Jane, Dylan, Jess and Serena for all the work they do with our young people.

Also performing in our community is our senior band 'Blue Curtain', who played at the Delatite Hotel last weekend, in preparation for a gig in Melbourne this coming weekend. It is a real highlight to see them performing their own compositions, alongside a range of covers. We wish the students all the best for their performance this weekend.

Top Arts:

If your child is artistic, I encourage you to view the 'Top Arts' Exhibition that is being held at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), which showcases work from 2023 VCE students. Each year our Unit 1 & 3 VCE students make the trip to Melbourne to view and discuss these works. Thank you to Ms Brocklesby and Mr Murray for organising. For more information about this exhibition please visit: <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/top-arts-2024>

School Council:

School Council next meets at 6pm on Monday 25th March with the first meeting of the night being the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM normally runs for about 40 minutes during which time the Annual Report to the School Community is presented. Parents are welcome to attend.

CALENDAR

TERM 1

Week 8

Wed 20/3 - Fri 22/3 - AVC High Country Bushwalk

Thu 21/3 - VCE Art Excursion

Fri 22/3 - Round Robin

Week 9

Tue 26/3 - Athletics Carnival

Wed 27/3 - Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

NO CLASSES RUNNING

Thu 28/3 - Last Day Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal

TERM 2

Week 1

Mon 15/4 - First day of Term 2

Wed 17/4 - Bendigo Art Gallery Excursion

Wed 17/4 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 18/4 - OES Adventure Field Trip

Week 2

Wed 24/4 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Thu 25/4 - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Fri 26/4 - Yr 10 Quantum Victoria Science

Excursion

Week 3

Mon 29/4 - Cross Country

Tue 30/4 - 2025 Year 7 Information Evening

Wed 1/5 - Uniform shop open 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Wed 1/5 - Fri 3/5 - Year 11 Howmans Gap Camp

Key Dates for end of Term 1



From The Principal (continued)

End of term:

We wish families all the best for the term break, and look forward to seeing students again on Monday 15th April.

Kind regards

Timothy Hall

Pi Day

Our Annual Pi Day Celebration was a great success, with students and staff involved in a wide variety of activities to celebrate the marvellous and beautiful number Pi.

In the morning staff brought a delicious spread of pi themed treats.

At lunchtime students were invited to participate in a digits of pi competition. Any student who could recite at least the first ten digits of pi (3.141592653 and so on!) won a lolly.

Many students had been practising for some time and impressed all of us with their efforts. Honourable mentions to students who managed between 30 and 40 digits: Isaac Holland, Arthur Gerrans, Lenny Gardner, Zoe Murphy, Harris Kain.

In third place with 40 digits was Lola Geddes, second with 62 digits was Jack Stevenson, and first place was a tie with Marly Kelleher and Amelia Stevenson correctly reciting 405 digits each!!

This year for the first time we held a team competition - a pie eating relay! Each house presented a team who needed to race to eat 12 party pies. Delatite and Wimba took an early lead, but Biyal steadily improved their pace to take the win.

It was wonderful to see so many people involved. See you next year!

Alice Burton

Maths Teacher



Blue Curtain

Mansfield Secondary College's student band, Blue Curtain, who won 'Battle of the Bands' in November 2023, showed some serious talent on the outdoor stage at the Delatite Hotel on Saturday night. Their Radio Head covers showcased how much skill these young musicians have. Most impressive was their original songs, which had the crowd talking.

Archie Dunn supported Blue Curtain in a beautiful acoustic solo set. Archie's voice and smooth guitar sound are well beyond his years. We are so proud of our hard-working students and their dedication to their music and we look forward to seeing them reaching audiences far and wide.

Brigitte Brocklesby



VCE Art Making & Exhibiting

The VCE Art Making & Exhibiting students were full of inspiration and ideas after a workshop with local artist Wendy Jagger. Students learned how motivated and talented Wendy is due to all her studies and experiences; it was an honour to have her in our classroom. Wendy shared various techniques and offered the students individual time on their folios. Thank you Wendy, we are very lucky to have you to inspire our up and coming artists.

Brigitte Brocklesby

Art Making & Exhibiting teacher



Hume Region Swimming Carnival

A team of 14 students headed off to Wodonga Waves pool and took part in the 2024 Hume Region swim meet with a win sending competitors off to the State Titles at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) in Melbourne on Friday 19th April.

Kezi Wolfe picked up 1st in the 12/13 girls 50m butterfly and will head off to MSAC on the 19th. Kezi was also runner up in her age group champion at Southern Ranges and was 2nd in her 50m freestyle. She is challenging many of the region's best and will continue her improvement gaining a state entry this year. Awesome Kezi!

Zac Hotton won last weeks Southern Ranges 14 boys champion, and placed 2nd in three events getting through to states with his 14-year-old medley relay team. Zac was also runner up in 12/13 boys champion category. Brilliant effort Zac!

The 14-year-old boys medley relay team of Harris Kain, Noah Langlands, Zac Hotton and James de Montfort Wellborne shocked everyone when they easily won their medley event which also sends them off to the State Titles in Melbourne. Well done lads, an amazing effort!

Josephine Taylor placed 3rd in her 12/13 breaststroke event and tried hard with the 12/13 freestyle relay team to grab a win, but unfortunately was not to be.

All other competitors were not far off the pace with only a body length separating swimmers of a high quality. Lara Gould (MSC veteran) took part in the 16 girls 50m backstroke and anchored the freestyle relay team with support from Selina Green, Ava Virtanen and Marly Kelleher.

A big shout out to Demi Murray, Gemma Revell and Sam Kain who did a brilliant job timing on the lanes, and parent help from Rachel Wolfe for supporting everybody through the day.

Don't forget we finish off the sporting calendar this term with the Round Robin on Friday 22nd March and our Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 26th March completing a very busy return to school sports.

See you on the field of dreams!

Christian Thomson

Sports Coordinator



HANDS ON LEARNING

“The evidence is all there – from the students who re-engage with education after joining Hands on Learning, the teachers who support them to grow, and the parents who see the positive changes in their children – this is a program that genuinely helps our future generations realise their passions and turn them to success”.

Daniel Ricciardo – HoL Ambassador

After a year’s break, Hands on Learning (HoL) has returned to Mansfield Secondary College. Under the excellent leadership of staff member Kylie Smith and artisan teacher Michael Hince, the program has had a flying start, with students cleaning out the HoL shed and planning projects for 2024.

HoL is an in-school program running in over 120 schools across Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland.

HoL is made up of four fundamental elements that build a platform for young people to grow confidence, engage, and achieve at school. HoL gives kids:

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| A place to belong. A physical sanctuary at school | People to belong to. Small teams working together, sharing meals and building strong relationships | Real things to do. Engaging in creative and meaningful projects | A chance to give back. Making valuable contributions to their community, building self-esteem and connections |

A chance to give back - can we help?

Making valuable contributions to the community builds self-esteem and connection, and provides tangible opportunities for young people to prove their value to themselves and community by doing something that benefits others.

In the past 7 years, HoL has worked in the community of Mansfield on many different projects. If you have a project that you feel HoL could help in, please get in touch and let the team know we will see what we can achieve together!

If you wish to donate items to HoL we are looking for compost, garden soil, hardwood, building materials, garden hose, stone toppings and brick pavers.

Please contact HoL teacher; Kylie Smith at: kylie.smith10@education.vic.gov.au



CWA Mansfield Bursary

Felicity Hayward, Joy Trewarn and Joanne O'Brien of CWA Mansfield had the pleasure of presenting Year 12 VCE VM student Zoe Young with her Untapped Potential award at their meeting on Sunday afternoon. Zoe's \$500 award will go towards her studies.

Mansfield Secondary College is extremely grateful to CWA for their support of our students.



Luna Park Physics Day

The Year 12 Physics class enjoyed a day out at Luna Park where they were able to investigate and experience first hand the physics of amusement park rides.

"At Luna Park, I learnt that at the top of the Pharaoh's Curse ride we felt weightless because we experienced no normal force because the speed was just right. My favourite part was the Pharaoh's Curse ride." Sam Guppy

"During our excursion to Luna Park, I learnt how to apply the theory we have learnt about motion. Having a practical application to motion has helped me to understand what we learn. My favourite ride was the Pharaoh's Curse." Arwen Badlan

"At Luna Park I learnt about the feeling of being weightless and the force of the ride cancelling out gravity to feel weightless." Harry Purcell

"During our trip to Luna Park, we were able to experience the different types of motion on each of the rides. My favourite ride was the Pharaoh's Curse." Jordy Hall



IGA Reward Points

Since 2020, the Marks IGA Rewards Program has donated over \$2000 to Mansfield Secondary College. These funds have been directed to the Student Welfare Program and are a valuable resource to assist our most vulnerable students. The funds have supported students to purchase uniforms, textbooks and lunch orders, and to attend extracurricular activities.

Ask in-store if you'd like to donate your reward points to Mansfield Secondary College.



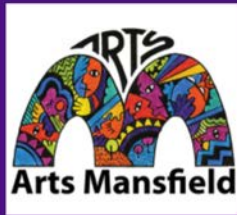
WE NEED YOU!

Mansfield Secondary College has 97 students to place for their required week's Work Experience this June.

If your business can assist, please contact Shelly Comben at the College on 5775 2022 or via email shelly.comben@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you!

Year 10 Work Experience Week:
24 - 28 June 2023



Three Faces - Expression of Interest OPEN

Prize for Adult winning artist
ACQUISITIVE PRIZE \$2000– Sponsored by Mansfield Shire Council
 The two runner up artists each receive \$250.

Prize for Youth winning artist
ACQUISITIVE PRIZE \$500– Sponsored by Mansfield Shire Council
 The two runner up artists each receive \$100.

Submissions close **April 12 2024**

The Bald Archy Prize Exhibition 2024



It's quirky and it's coming to Mansfield.....
 The Bald Archy Prize - Australia's premier satirical art prize is judged by Professor Maude Cockatoo, the world's only avian art critic. It celebrates the lighter side of art and the larrikin Australian spirit, portraits that will make you think, make you talk and most of all make you laugh.

For more information visit the Arts Mansfield website



MAD STUDIOS PRESENTS A MUSICAL IN A DAY WORKSHOP



WITH MISS TANIA E. WERT!

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE VIA TRYBOOKING
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CPVQK](https://www.trybooking.com/CPVQK)

PROUDLY RUN BY AL'S SKATE CO

2024

NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES
 SKATE - SCOOT - BMX

ROUND 3 MANSFIELD SKATE PARK SUNDAY MARCH 24TH

REGISTRATION & WARM UP 10:30AM
 COMPETITION STARTING 11:00AM

ALL AGES EVENT
 ALL EVENTS ARE DRUG, ALCOHOL, SMOKE & VAPE FREE

INFO: @ALSSKATECO @ALSSKATECO www.alsskateco.com.au

2024 WINTER NETBALL COMPETITION

Registrations open!
 Go to - www.netballconnect.com

Starts Friday 26th April till 2nd August
 Team lists and uniforms will be provided 2 weeks prior

Competition Fees
 VNA registered players \$84
 Non VNA registered players \$150
 (\$66 goes to Netball Vic Insurance)

Age Groups
 11/U (Born 2013/14/15)
 13/U (Born 2011/12)
 15/U (Born 2009/10)
 17/U (Born 2007/08)

REGISTRATIONS EXTENDED TO FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

By joining the competition, you agree that the teams may be changed within the first 3 weeks based on committee evaluation, to ensure a fair and enjoyable season for all.

Any problems please contact us
 Facebook [Group "Mansfield Junior Netball Club"](#)
 Email - mjnclub20@gmail.com
 Age Group Coordinators - Chris Mitchell & Nadia Gardner
 Club President - Leonie Berry