Hello Parents and Community Members

The 2014 academic year has come to a rapid end and Christmas is just over 5 weeks away, but in many areas of College life, this is an extremely busy time as we continue to finalise preparations for 2015. I would like to pause momentarily from our hectic planning to reflect on Term 4 at Magnificent Manea.

Our Year 12 students deserve recognition for their efforts during 2014 and for meeting the young adult expectations the College sets. The transformation Manea students go through during their time at Manea was illustrated by the manner in which our Year 12 students farewelled the College. The Farewell Dinner and Assembly were outstanding events enjoyed by all and our students conducted themselves with dignity, style and a great deal of maturity. They were a credit to themselves, their families and the College. We will say more about the 12s at the Awards Evening on December 9th at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre.

As the Class of 2014 departed, they handed the role model and leadership baton to our current Year 11 cohort who will become the Class of 2015. Each year the graduating students at Manea set an even higher standard for the following group, so the challenge is set for our new leaders next year. I extend my gratitude and appreciation to our Year 12 Coordinator, Dave Crawford, for his leadership and organisation of the various events for our Year 12s, not just during Term Four, but also throughout the course of the year.

I had the pleasure of watching the Manea Showcase recently at BREC and was thoroughly impressed and enjoyed a different take on the Gretel and Hansel story. The audience also enjoyed the performance of the cast and crew, along with the dance performances, short films and visual arts display. My thanks are extended to Les Pearce, Di Stewart, Jillian Brown and Claire Brown and all students, parents and staff who were involved in a memorable event.

We have also recently welcomed our third intake of Health and Medical Specialist Program students. An inspiring presentation evening was held to mark this occasion and I would like to thank Jo Ellard, Janene Wells, Peter Thompson and Carolyn Harvie for making the program and the evening possible. I would also like to thank: Carol Chandler, Dr Andrew Kirk and Chris Kovacs of the Rural Clinical School; Sue Piggott our School Nurse; Ian Mumford, Annette Mateljan and Kate Cummins from St John Ambulance; Rural Health West; Bethanie Eleanor Aged Care; Bethanie Fields Aged Care; St John of God Hospital; and Global Diagnostics for their continued support.

Before 2014 is complete, one final significant event is going to occur. Manea is sending 17 students, 2 staff and a volunteer to Nepal on December 9 as part of our international trip. I envy the opportunities and experiences the group will share and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return. A special thanks to Dave Crawford for his tireless work in managing this unique adventure.
Staff Farewells

I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank several staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Chris Gill our Foundation Physical Education teacher is leaving Manea to take on a position at Lesmurdie SHS. Chris has been an outstanding member of the College having undertaken numerous roles during his time, including Year Coordinator, Country Week Coordinator and Coach, Captain Literacy, Student Services management and of course PE Studies teacher. We wish Chris all the very best as he and his young family move to Perth.

We are also farewelling Claire Brown (maternity leave), Jillian Brown (Butler College), Alison Burton (Dalyellup College), Rachel Kennedy (Rossmoyne SHS), Genna Blurton (Perth) and Ashleigh Newall (Perth/Sydney). I would like to thank these staff for their contribution to Manea and our students and wish you all the very best for 2015 and beyond.

College Board

I would like to thank our College Board for their enormous contribution to the College in 2014. Our Board Members this year have included:
• Industry Representatives: Matt Granger (Chair), David Kerr, Alison Comparti and Ray Philp.
• Health Department Representative: Grace Ley (Deputy Chair)
• Parent Representatives: Kerrie Hooper, Charles Jenkinson, Mark Rando and Sue Beeson
• Teacher - Manea Senior College: Karen Harper

In 2015 the Board will take and even more active role in College life, so staff, students and parents expect to see much more of them next year. They have a wealth of experience and knowledge to contribute to Manea Senior College.

National Schools Surveys

To assist with the review of College performance, I would appreciate your feedback via a survey that is due to arrive in your email inbox shortly. Parental information regarding the performance of the College is always greatly appreciated and helps inform the College about our achievements and areas for further focus.

On behalf of all staff at Manea Senior College, I wish you a very Merry Christmas, a relaxing festive season and a very safe holiday. I look forward to the celebrations and challenges that 2015 will bring.

Regards

Rod Rykers
Principal

2014 Showcase A Great Success

The College again demonstrated the quality of its students’ work in the visual and performing arts at the annual Manea Senior College Showcase, held at the Bunbury Entertainment Centre on the evening of October 22.

With Master of Ceremonies Travis Papalia announcing acts, The Showcase commenced with fine performances by the College’s singing ensemble, the Vocal Maneacs. The Maneacs once again produced the quality of entertainment that students have heard from them at various times during the year.

Our Dance students also shone in a number of performances spread throughout the evening. Under the guidance of Dance teacher Di Stewart, Manea’s dancers have gone from strength to strength, and the quality of performance at the Showcase was outstanding.

A number of short films produced by teacher Claire Brown’s Media students were screened, including the Cinesnaps Competition award winning film produced by Sophia Armstrong. These provided a change from live onstage action, and displayed the abilities of the College’s young film-makers, both in creating music videos and in devising and producing original short films.

A display of visual art in the BREC foyer received a lot of complimentary feedback. Art teacher Jillian Brown can be proud of the excellent work created by her students.

This year’s play production featuring the College’s Drama students provided an enjoyable and humorous entertainment. Directed by Drama teacher Les Pearce, “Gretel and Hansel” gave the audience a number of entertaining characters and a lot of laughs. Who can forget the witch Grimelda and her hunchbacked minions, Lumbago and Arthritis? Or the suspiciously Hitleresque Mayor of the village?

Planning is already under way to make the 2015 Showcase bigger and brighter. We hope that the size of our audience will grow as the Showcase becomes established as a tradition in the College’s annual calendar. Spread the word!

Les Pearce
Year 11 Coordinator Report

It was an extremely busy final few weeks for the Year 11 cohort as they tied up all their loose ends to ensure their Academic Clearance forms were completed and they were free to begin their summer holidays on 21st November. All students deserve a big ‘pat on the back’ for their hard work and mature conduct displayed throughout the examination period. I was also very pleased to provide a free pizza and subway lunch for over 100 students who maintained their attendance above 93% for the entire year. This is a great achievement and something all future employers will be looking for.

Year 11 students were given one last opportunity to nominate for the Student Executive and I am pleased to announce that the 2015 Student Executive has been confirmed along with the two outstanding College Captains for next year. I would like to thank and congratulate all the students who nominated for the Student Executive and or College Captain positions, a process that involved a written application, a speech to their fellow students and a panel interview.

College Captains: Daniel Mahon and Cat Brown
Deputy Captain: Daniel Lee
Student Executive Members: Oliver Booth, Jamie Pannett, Aleta Graham, Courtney Taylor and Marian Monisse.

I wish all the Year 11’s a safe and relaxing summer holiday, the last one before you complete your 13 year School Journey! Unfortunately I will not be returning to Manea in 2015 but would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students and parents at Manea for making the last 6 years so enjoyable. The Year 12 coordinator position will be taken on by Asharie Bradshaw who is already doing a fantastic job and heavily into planning the big events for next year.

Kind Regards
Chris Gill

Year 12 Coordinator Report

It is always mixed emotions for the Year 12’s in term 4. They start with relief at concluding their Semester 2 exams, continue with anxiety at what lies ahead and move to happiness and sadness simultaneously at the Leavers Dinner and assembly, 2014 was no different. I would like to personally thank the entire year group for their efforts in finishing of the year at Manea with the standard of maturity and poise we expect of our students. Good luck for the ATAR exams and we will see you all at the Year 12 Presentation and Awards Ceremony at BREC on December 9.

Dave Crawford - Year 12 Coordinator.

The Health and Medical Specialist Program

The Health and Medical Specialist Program welcomed 19 new students to the program this week ready for the 2015 year. They were welcomed by staff, Board members, community supporters and 5th year medical student guest speaker Chris Kovacs. Congratulations to all of the students selected.
Djidi Djidi & Donnybrook YAT Project

The YAT project with Djidi Djidi Aboriginal Primary School (DD) and Donnybrook District High School (DB) commenced in 2012 with the view of expanding students’ career development and transitions skills through a partnership with MSC.

The project is finishing this year with the DD and DB students transitioning to high school next year. Over the last 3 years there have been many visits to each of the schools, mentoring opportunities, career guidance and the development of student portfolios.

Some of the highlights of the project include:
• Career Quest portfolio focusing on different career options, alternative pathways to get there, building on skills and qualities and identifying goals;
• A Mentoring program which linked students from DD with MSC Career English students to bridge the gap between primary and secondary schooling;
• DD and DB students joining the Health and Medical Specialist Program students to learn about hygiene, basic first aid, grooming and deportment and sun care;
• DD students engaged in the MindUp program focusing on mental wellbeing, resilience, emotional intelligence and positive self-esteem;
• DB participated in the Career Expo run by the Year 11 Career English class; and
• DD students participated in numerous MSC run classes including AIT, Art, PE, Maths, Health Studies and Photography.

Overall the project has been very beneficial in introducing primary students to secondary schooling and increasing their knowledge of career options and transition skills. It has been a great experience for both DD and DB students as well as the MSC students and staff involved. We hope to see many DD and DB students at MSC in the future!

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