Dear Members of the Manea Senior College Community

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2013 and I warmly extend our friendship to all students, families and sponsors who have joined our team this year. Manea has become the most popular choice for senior schooling in the South West and now has the largest population of Year 11 and 12 students in the entire South West region. The College is at capacity, a huge achievement in a five year period. Despite our large size, the students have adapted very well to the Manea young adult ethos.

No doubt our results at the end of 2012 have contributed to our popularity. A quick reminder of some of our 2012 achievements reinforces why Manea is such a popular choice: Manea became the only regional public school to produce two students with an ATAR score of 99, achieved the highest median ATAR score out of all Greater Bunbury region public schools and produced the highest number of Certificate III training qualification students in the region.

We were very fortunate to be visited by the Minister for Education and the Director General of Education during Term One, no doubt due in part to our excellent 2012 results. Minister Collier and Director General Sharyn O’Neil were both highly impressed with Manea and spoke glowingly about the achievements of the College.

There were a number of other highlights for the Term. Our first ever Health and Medical Specialist Group commenced with a range of fantastic learning opportunities, visits and program. Early feedback indicates students are embracing the course, lead by Jo and Janene.

ANOAC Day – 25th April 2013
School commences - Monday 6th May

I congratulate Chris Gill, the students involved in the Ball committee and all staff who participated, for a wonderful 2013 College Ball. The Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory themed Ball was a resounding success and I thank all students for the mature and sophisticated manner in which they conducted themselves during the Ball. Check out our facebook page for photos and comments.

I have spent a good proportion of Term One meeting in small groups or individually with all Year 12 students and assisting them with setting three academic ISMART goals they will achieve in 2013. Parents/Guardians, please follow this up with your Year 12 student and support the achievement of these goals.

On the first day back of Term Two, Manea Senior College will be open for business to revise and provide catch up support for students. No new curriculum will be covered, but it is a good opportunity for students to attend if they can, to get some additional support. Unfortunately, many buses from outside of Bunbury will not be running, but if students can get into the College, the day will assist them with revision of Term One content. Students will not be disadvantaged if they are unable to attend.

Manea recently held the second annual Health Bound @ Manea event, with a thorough selection of interactive health and medical activities and industry and university representatives present. Over 800 people attended the day. Well done to Rod, Nat, Jo and Janene for their leadership with this event and we look forward to Health Bound in 2014.

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On a very sad note, on behalf of the Manea community, I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to the Zappelli family on the tragic loss of Jayden. It is terrible circumstances such as this that should serve to remind us of how fragile and precious our family members are. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Tamara, Greg and Danielle and the extended Zappelli family.

I wish all students a restful break, but also urge them to use the time to study and get ahead of the 17,000 students who will be graduating in W.A. this year.

Manea Senior College recognises that parents/care givers are a crucial part of the team that supports our students as they strive for success. I value your opinion and involvement in the College and welcome feedback, positive and otherwise, to ensure the College continues to progress and establishes itself as the leading Senior College in the state.

Paul Mathews
Principal

Health and Medical Specialist Program

2013 New year, new experiences, and this is exactly what the Health and Medical Specialist program is all about. With the first group of students to be a part of this program starting in 2013, lots of preparation was needed to pick exactly the right students. After a lengthy application process, days of testing and numerous interviews, 24 students were selected to be known as the Health and Medical Specialist Program students. With a wide range of aspirations from nurses to dentists, all the way to sport science, new experiences were a key aspect for the students. To aid the students in achieving these goals and expose them to new ideas, the group set off on camp just 2 weeks into the school year. Not only was this a great bonding experience, the students received a tour of each university and participated in hands on, practical activities in a variety of medical occupations. The students visited universities including UWA, Curtin, Edith Cowan (Joondalup), Notre Dame and Murdoch. Each university gave the students a unique hands on experience. Experiences ranged from pharmacology to nursing, laparoscopic surgery, psychology, facial reconstruction and even some sport science practise! On the way home the students dropped into the Royal Flying Doctors base in Jandakot. The students got a new perspective on the health and medical careers available for them and many were left with too many choices about their future careers after the jam-packed and brilliant three days.

Integrated Science Scuba Diving Course

Hi I'm Keshi and I have just completed my Scuba Diving course through Integrated Science.

First we did all the theory stuff, which wasn’t too hard......Then we completed a quiz which was 50 multiple choice questions and then spent a day learning all of the basic skills in the pool. Once we were confident, we started the beach dive, which was awesome fun, but carting what felt like 50 thousand kilos on your back to the water was certainly not the highlight of my day.

After we completed the two beach dives, we did the boat dive. It was definitely the highlight and the best dive. I was so nervous though, but it taught me not to fear the ocean.

Wayne, our instructor was great. He kept us going and kept our nerves down with his and Dave’s chilled sea water sense of humour. I am certainly going to come back for another dive soon. I was the best fun I have had all year.

Keshi Caruana

Student Exec Camp Report

As part of our requirements for being student executives within the College, we went on a trip to Perth to begin our planning for what we want to achieve within the school for the duration of the rest of the year. The camp consisted of three main components: group bonding (considerably too much group bonding), food (as always) and organizing ourselves for the rest of the year during meetings that lasted long enough to have some people falling asleep. On the first day, we travelled to Perth by bus, to Mulalloo Beach where we were staying in a hotel. Dinner that night was at Miss Maude’s, a Swedish all-you-can-eat self-serve restaurant, which we took full advantage of. I won't mention names, but some people ate dessert before dinner. One of the main objectives of the three days was to learn a bit about one another, but by the first night we were all feeling like knowing each other's first names was a pretty good achievement. The next day we played laser-tag where friends quickly became enemies and we learnt not to fall over in front of everyone because it will never be forgotten and people will make fun of
you. Then came the event that everyone was looking forward to; the Manea (rip off of) My Kitchen Rules, a dinner competition that would test not only cooking abilities, but also the morals and consciences of those judging the food. There were four teams made up from the rooms we were allocated at the beginning of camp, and each team had to provide entrée, main or dessert to the rest of the group. Whilst the judging, in my opinion, was fair, there were some complaints that the competition was ‘rigged’ or ‘biased’, but in all seriousness, you can’t serve fairy bread as an entrée and expect a win. And you also can’t deny that the Pavlova was delicious, even if they ‘didn’t make it from scratch’. The next day we drove home, where a failure to check how much fuel was left in the bus left us stranded on the side of the road, tired, hungry and desperate to get home so that we could charge our phones.

So, you’ve heard the (only slightly exaggerated) series of events that took place over the three-day camp, and are probably wondering what you can expect from the Student Executive this year. So far, we’ve got a lot planned to keep the College busy for a while to come. Keep an eye out for all the events we are organizing that are coming up soon. I can tell you that there are free-dress days and a lot of events where there will be food for sale, including fundraising for Breast Cancer Awareness and the 40-Hour Famine. We are also currently looking to set up more clubs around the College based on interests of students, such as sports clubs, a music-appreciation club and even a Halo club for those more gaming-inclined.

The Student Executive is both dedicated and excited to make this year at Manea Senior College a great one. I’d like to say a huge thank you to Dave and Cara Young on behalf of the entire group of executives, who generously gave their time to take us on this camp and for their guidance and patience that allowed us to make this a worthwhile and endearing experience.

Kailyn Crabbe

Country Week Try-outs

Tuesday 26th March, 9th April and 16th April. Basketball and volleyball at ECU, Soccer, football, touch rugby and Netball at Hay Park. 3.45pm – 4.45pm. Remember that you need to bring back your permission slip to be able to try-out for a team. Permission slips are available at student services. Please return them to Chris Gill ASAP.

Hi, my name is Lauren Baxter and I am the new Youth Worker at Manea Senior College. I hold a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work and Certificates III and IV in Youth Work. I have previously worked in the areas of youth mentoring, juvenile justice, mental health, disabilities and general youth work.

2013 is already proving to be an exciting year for Manea, and I hope that through ongoing support for the students, parents and teachers this year will be a great one! There are many things in the works including establishing the Manea Youth Program, utilising local agencies in the community to deliver workshops and information sessions, working together with Djidi Djidi Aboriginal Primary School and Donnybrook District High School and working towards new and improved initiatives to increase student attendance. I am also here to provide 1:1 support, group support, referrals to external agencies where required and education on study skills, self-care, coping strategies and so much more!

My office is located in the Student Services area and I am here 5 days a week. Feel free to give me a call, drop in or book an appointment.

Lauren Baxter

College Captain’s Article

Well, 2013 has definitely started off with a bang and just seems to be flying past! We are already at the end of Term 1 and the holidays are just one week away. The intake of Year 11’s confidently rolled into Manea and took their places as fresh faced senior schoolers and the 2012 Year 11’s stepped up into Year 12 with big challenges ahead and no shortage of assignments and study. The activity around the College has been mind blowing. Besides having new students we also welcome the new teachers and wish them all the best for their careers at Manea.

The College is looking great, the facilities are excellent and there’s a really good feeling around the place. One of the new College initiatives successfully introduced this year is the Health and Medical Specialist Program for the Year 11’s which as gained a lot of interest for those wanting to follow career paths in Health or Medicine. There is some really good feedback coming from those students. The Student Executive recently went on their annual camp to plan the year ahead, accompanied by the newly selected Year 11 exec. The team came up with countless ideas and positive initiatives to roll out for the rest of schooling year. One of the first initiatives happened on the 5th of April to promote healthy eating here and around the world.

Other initiatives included changes to College meetings, study area management, getting the student executive more involved in and around the College and other activities such as free dress days, student/teacher debate and participation in the
40 hour famine. All our worthwhile activities are designed to have fun and to raise awareness and hopefully a little bit of cash for some deserving charities.

With our College continuing to grow and this year reaching maximum capacity, the year 12 students have been given the opportunity to do some of their study in the ECU library. Although the students seem a little intimidated by the ECU students they have been astounded at the peace and quiet in the library which allows them to study efficiently in a great environment.

2013 is going to be a year for the Year 12’s to strive for their goals and for the Year 11’s to consolidate their performance, build a solid foundation and make the most of what our superb school has to offer.

Bye for now and keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events at the College.

Amy Szeliga

French Exchange Program – Host Families Required

Manea Senior College is co-operating with the French exchange programme hosting a small number of 15-16 years old students from France in 2013.

Exchange 1  4th May to 13th July 2013.
Exchange 2  18th July to 19th August 2013.

We are looking for families who would enjoy hosting a French student during that time. The first few days of their stay is during the school holidays, and during the remaining weeks it is envisaged that these students will attend school with your child each day and will then go back home with him/her at the end of the day.

Your exchange student would become part of your family during their stay and, as such, would be expected to comply with all your family rules and arrangements. Each student will provide their own spending money; host families should be willing to provide accommodation and meals, including a lunch option for each school day.

We believe that these exchanges are highly beneficial for both Australian and French students who will experience first-hand a different culture, customs and way of life as well as forming new and lasting friendships.

If you would like to host a French student or have further questions regarding the exchange, please contact the Martine Floyd the exchange coordinator.

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Integrated Science 1C Jo’s class

This term we have been involved in the Living Smart Adult Community Learning Program which has endorsements from the City of Fremantle, Murdoch University and the Meeting Place Community Centre to help promote a more sustainable lifestyle. Students have been studying topics such as healthy you, healthy home, alternative transport, power, simply living etc. Guest speakers have visited the class and an excursion to a waste and recycling plant is proposed in the future. Below is the class listening to a talk by the College social worker Lauren on healthy you.

Jo

MSC 2013 College Ball

Once again the evening went extremely well and was enjoyed by all. Photos of the evening will be in the next newsletter and can also be viewed on MSC facebook site.

www.facebook.com/manea.sc

School commences Monday May 6th

The College will open as normal, however, we are aware that some bus services may not be available at this time. Consequently, that Monday will be focused on providing students with an opportunity to complete assessments, examination preparation, revision and analytical skill development.