Dear Manea Senior College Community Members,

welcome to the first newsletter for 2014.

Term One has raced past and a much needed break for students and staff is in sight with the holidays approaching. I have taken a slightly earlier start to the holidays as I clear some of my accumulated long service leave, knowing the College is in the very capable hands of the leadership team and staff and is progressing very smoothly.

We have had a tremendous start to the year, with our capacity being reached and 500 students enrolling, along with 12 new staff members. Our new staff and students have transitioned into the expectations at Manea with ease and are enjoying the unique environment on offer. A number of students missed out on an enrolment place for Semester One and have been placed on a waiting list, which provides a clear indication of how popular Manea Senior College has become. We already have 180 expressions of interest for enrolment in 2015 as our reputation continues to grow.

Part of the reason for our positive reputation is the conduct of our students and young adult manner in which they conduct themselves. The 2014 College Ball which I had the privilege to attend was a great example. The Great Gatsby themed ball was a memorable occasion and a credit to Dave Crawford and his Ball Committee and I extend to them my thanks and congratulations.

I would like to also thank all staff for their efforts and commitment in offering their own time for after school tutoring. Manea already offers a comprehensive free tutoring program and the additional support will provide an invaluable opportunity for our students to gain an advantage in their studies. The additional assistance provided for Manea students by our staff is a key to success and I urge students to take responsibility for their success and use this opportunity.

The success of our College also is due to the direction and leadership provided by the MSC Board and it was pleasing to see such strong interest for vacant positions on the Board. I received 16 expressions of interest from parents to fill three places on the Board, necessitating an election for the seven candidates who progressed their applications.

I thank all parents who indicated their willingness to join the board and congratulate Mark Rando, Charles Jenkinson JP and Sue Beeson who will join Kerrie Hooper as parent representatives on the Board now under the leadership of Chair Matt Granger.
One of the decisions made by the Board last year was to form a partnership with Ocean Forest Lutheran College. This partnership will facilitate staff from both schools working together and supporting the transition for students enrolling from Ocean Forest. A Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Department of Education will be signed off to formalise the partnership.

Another partnership Manea Senior College is involved in is the Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre. Manea is hosting the Health facility on behalf of the 14 schools involved in this project. The facility will enable students in the region to access some additional health related qualifications and is part of the biggest Trade Training Centre partnership between schools in Australia. Work on the Health facility will commence in mid April and is likely to take 9 months. Expect some additional delays and congestion at the SWIT side of the College.

I wish all students a relaxing break but also urge them to undertake some study and get an advantage over other Year 11 and 12 students across the state. It is a competitive world and the better the results our students achieve, the more sought after they will be upon leaving school.

Remember that education is a partnership and staff at Manea do want to hear your feedback to reinforce what we do well and to develop areas of growth. I look forward to hearing your feedback about Magnificent Manea.

Regards

Paul Mathews, Principal
Manea Senior College Annual Ball

On Saturday 22nd March the Manea Senior College Ball was held at the Lighthouse Beach Resort in the centre of Bunbury. The theme for the event was ‘The Great Gatsby’ and many students attending the Ball dressed for the occasion with Great Gatsby themed outfits. Students enjoyed arriving in many different vintage cars and walking down the red carpet to enter the venue. They were greeted by the Principal Paul Mathews, and Associate Principals Keith Marley and Rod Rykers who were dressed as gangsters. Female staff members were dressed as flapper girls. As students entered the Lighthouse Resort they had their photographs taken by Henderson Photographics and some of our very own Photography students, while enjoying some tasty reception mocktails.

During the evening, entertainment included a live band, DJ set and Photo booth. Staff were impressed with the level of maturity that students displayed throughout the evening and the wonderful outfits being worn. From the moment the DJ set began the dance floor was full and it remained that way until the end of the last track.

A massive thanks needs to be given to the ball committee, Lighthouse staff, supervising staff and Dave Crawford for all making this event possible and for it turning out so well. Also, to Di Stewart for organising the entertainment for the night. It was a night that won’t be forgotten!

Year 12 Curriculum Manager Update

As you read this article, the Year 12 students will be one third of the way through their year! We have likened the year to a trip around Australia. Starting in Bunbury, going clockwise on Highway One, this puts us somewhere between Tennant Creek and Mount Isa. A significant distance has already been covered.

This means that students should be well and truly settled into their study routines and have clear goals about what they need to achieve this year. Year 12 Leavers are up against stiff competition for places in Universities, TAFE’s, apprenticeships and other employment. The message is ‘make yourself as competitive as possible by the time you leave Manea SC’. Achieving good grades, completing all VET competencies, getting involved in the Manea community and developing high-level communication skills are all part of our young adult ethos that will help give you a competitive edge.

Recently all Year 12 ATAR students had the opportunity to attend a ‘study skills and time management’ seminar. Although it was targeted towards ATAR students, the messages delivered were relevant to all students. These included: how to set up a study timetable, how to deal with stress by ‘chunking’ your workload into small, manageable tasks, taking notes and revising these throughout the semester, and many more. Students are more than welcome to meet with the Student Services staff or Curriculum Manager to discuss these strategies in more detail. As it was so well received by students we are planning to run another of these seminars in August.

The term one study break is a chance to refresh yourselves ready for the next step in the Year 12 journey. It is also the perfect opportunity to catch up on all your work and dedicate some quality time to preparing for the Semester One examinations. The more organised you are early in the year, the less stressed you will be at the end of the year!

Awards went to:

- Belle of the Ball: Lizzie Gaffney
- Beau of the Ball: Blake Marxsen
- Best Dressed Male: Josh Menegola
- Best Dressed Female: Molly Shepard
- Best Couple: Rachelle Smith & Kurt Krispyn
- Best Arrival: Kim Hooper & Kurt Krispyn
- Best Dancer: Daniel Keith

Alison Burton
I fully understand the challenges and stresses that our Year 12s contend with, but this year will also provide you with some of the best memories of your life. So, make the most of the opportunity and ensure you have no regrets. The resilience you build will hold you in good stead for the future.

The Year 12 students are a fantastic cohort, we look forward to celebrating their achievements at the end of the year.

**Important Examination Dates Reminder:**

- May 26th – June 6th: Manea Semester One Exams - for all Year 11 and Year 12 students, Stage 1 – 3
- October 6th - 10th: Year 12 Semester Two Exams - for all Year 12 Stage Two and Stage Three courses
- November 10th – November 21st: Year 11 Semester Two Exams - for all Year 11 Stage 1 – 3 students
- November 3rd - 28th: Year 12 WACE Exams

**Yourtutor Online Tutoring**

Edith Cowan University will once again be sponsoring all of our students to have free access to the Yourtutor service. This is an online tutoring service for English, Maths and Science at all levels. Students will be provided with login cards and details of this service early in Term Two.

Simon Cox

**French Exchange Students**

Students aged 16-17 are coming in July for a 4 week visit (17 July to 18th August) and they will attend school for 3 weeks from 22nd July to 15th August. If you are interested in being a host family or want to know more please contact: Martine Floyd (Exchange Coordinator)

PH: 9385 7472 E: aupairoz@iinet.net.au

Alternatively contact Rod Rykers, Associate Principal, Manea Senior College.

**From the Youth Worker**

As the Examination and Formal Assessment Block draws closer, be aware of your stress levels and if you haven’t already, put in place strategies that will help you get through. Ensure you have a study timetable; put in when you’re not going to study first; put study in the gaps and most importantly, use this as a guide; not a rule book! Make sure you’re looking after yourself - are you getting enough sleep? Are you exercising at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 30mins? Hold off on the coffee, energy drinks and junk food, instead opting for whole grains, nuts, apples, berries, veggies and plenty of water. Use the upcoming 2 week break to recharge but maintain your study during this time. Feeling overly stressed, need help making a study timetable or want more tips for effective studying? Book an appointment to see me in Student Services!

Lauren Baxter

**College Charges**

Thank you to all the parents that have paid their Charges & Contributions. There are still a number of accounts that require payment. Please note that outstanding balances should be paid no later than 28th April 2014 unless you have entered into a payment plan with the College. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

**Secondary Assistance Scheme**

Do you hold a Centrelink Family Healthcare Card, Centrelink Pensioner Card or Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Card? You may be eligible for up to $350 towards school expenses. Applications close on **Friday 11th April**. Please contact the office for further information.

**Car Parking**

Please be aware that ECU Parking Inspectors will now be issuing parking fines to anyone parking on the footpath along Dettman Drive. Please do not park on any footpaths to drop off/pick up students or to visit the College.

**Skoolbag App**

Manea now has its own APP. Keep up to date with events and even use it to update your personal details or notify us of a student absence. Instruction on how to download it to your smart phone or tablet are on the last page.
Year 11 Coordinator Report

What a fantastic start by Manea's biggest ever cohort of Year 11 students. Over 280 fresh faced Year 11s took part in our induction day, meeting their teachers, support staff and other students from all over the South West region. The nervous tension quickly passed as students got stuck into their task for the day; getting to know the College, getting to know their class mates and getting used to the rigour and routines of this young adult learning environment. Attendance rates are a very reliable guide to the satisfaction and harmony of a year group, and with average attendance being maintained well above the 93% benchmark and over 70 students still on 100% attendance, it is clear that the Year 11 students are loving their new environment and striving hard for personal best results.

Congratulations to Ben Harvey and Jayme Smith who recently represented Australia in the Tae Kwon Do Junior World Championships held in Taipei. Congratulations also to the Year 11 students who are currently trying out for a place in one of the Manea Country Week teams, best of luck to you all. Enjoy the upcoming break, recharge those batteries, because in less than 7 weeks you will be sitting your first set of Senior School Examinations.

Chris Gill, Year 11 Coordinator.

College Captain Article

At first the school year of 2014 was a daunting thought, on one hand we were excited to start the new year, but on the other we were worried about the challenges it would bring. This was just part of the experience of our last year of high school, and now Term One is well underway. The initial feeling of still being Year 10s and 11s is behind us and everyone is charging ahead in an attempt to achieve the goals they are striving for at the end of the year. We are already just days away from the end of Term One and what a term it has been! The new intake of Year 11’s, larger than ever before, have settled in well and are adapting to the differences in College life here with much enthusiasm. In addition to the nearly 300 new students we’ve been lucky enough to welcome a bunch of new staff, all as eager as the students to start the year off with a blast and contribute to the positive environment at the college. Everything has fallen into place perfectly!

This year, to help handle the larger student population the College has invested in some new seating for outside areas which is being utilised by all, both in and out of study sessions. We have also seen the addition of an extension of the College in the form of transportable classrooms that are being used to house the arts programs. The wonderful college facilities provided for everyone are being well used and appreciated.

In the second week of the term, the Student Executive departed on a three day camp to Pemberton, where we were able to plan and organise the main events for the year. Unlike previous years where there have been different fundraisers for different causes throughout each term, we decided to have a core theme within every term to emphasise the importance of the issue. This term’s theme was fire safety and awareness, something that really hits home due the bushfires throughout Australia and specifically in the Perth region. We were able to fundraise for the Volunteer Fire Brigade through a lunch time sausage sizzle and tours and demonstrations conducted by the fire fighters. The next two terms are going to be focused on fundraising for the Cancer Council and social pressure issues on young adults. These two causes are relevant within our community, and issues, that because of their relevance to student life, will be great to raise awareness for.

The Year 12 students, as well as some of the Year 11s, have been given the opportunity to go to the ECU library to study. But that’s not all, as some of our English classes are actually being held at ECU to help cater for the increase in student numbers. This decision is one that will help in the transition from college to university that is soon to come.

Lastly we would just like to say a big thank you to all the Year 11s who have shown interest in joining the Student Executive for Term Two, we had an overwhelming response at our lunch time meeting last week. We hope to see you all again at the next few meetings and put your best effort in to stand out, as unfortunately we won't be able to take on board everyone. We are looking forward to having you join our team!

That’s all for now, but keep your eyes and ears peeled for what is to come later in the year!

Kailyn Crabbe and Travis Papalia
Country Week 2014 Trials

Training began on the 25th March for the long journey towards Country Week 2014. Country Week is a week-long sporting and debating event that occurs in Perth during the last week of Term Two. Manea teams compete against country schools from all over Western Australia.

Students’ trialled for spots in netball, football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, hockey and touch rugby. Large numbers were expected and even though it rained for our first training session the student numbers at most trials did not disappoint. Unfortunately hockey has been removed from the line up as there was not enough interest to continue with this sport.

Training sessions and practice games will continue throughout Term Two to ensure Manea students have the best opportunity to do well at Country Week. Training sessions and games will be negotiated between teams and coaches.

For those students successful in making the Manea Country Week Squad, forms will be sent out at the end of term with further details and payment options. Country Week runs from 30th June to 4th July. Tune in to the Manea Facebook Page for updates and results of the days games.

Student Executive Camp Report:

As part of our requirements for being a Student Executive member, we went on a trip to Pemberton to begin our planning for what we want to achieve within the school for the rest of the year. The serenity of our location at Eucalyptus House, allowed us to bond with one another (maybe a bit too much) while we organized ourselves for the year ahead. On the first day we travelled to Pemberton by bus, which was not everyone’s favourite experience, but proved to work well in the bonding area as we all ganged up on Dave’s ability to drive faster. The first thing we did after arriving was take a trip to the local IGA (priorities), to gather supplies for the three days we were to be there and we considerably overcompensated, ending up bringing most of it home with us. One of the main objectives of the three days was to learn more about one another so we could work well as a team, knowing one another’s strengths and weaknesses. Being the dedicated exec team that we are, we went further than just ‘getting to know one another’ and have now become so close that it would prove impossible to not stay lifelong friends (bonding over food will do that to you).

On the first night, we learnt what was expected of us throughout the year and talked about what we expected from the College; dinner that night at the local restaurant certainly delivered. The next day consisted of long meetings to plan the events and fundraisers we wanted to run and the team came up with countless ideas and initiatives that we wish to bring to the College. Paul came down for the day and with a bribe of fresh marron, we were able to convince him that all the super fun things we have planned would be extremely beneficial to the College. We then went marron fishing and learnt the art of patience as we all, eventually, caught our own marron. Dinner that night was a feast of marron and homemade damper. The next day we had a few more discussions and came home with a bus load of uneaten food but made sure we stopped in Manjimup for Subway because we certainly did not have enough food already.

The camp was entirely beneficial and all that we discussed has us excited for the year ahead. Keep an eye out for all the events we are organising that are coming up soon. There will be plenty of opportunities for free food while we support Breast Cancer in a Crazy Carnival Day and highlight the issue of Homophobia in a dress-up-as-wild-as-you-can-in-purple-day. We are also currently on the prowl for the new year 11 exec team, so if you’re keen to be involved in all the fun and excitement (and meetings and organisation) the exec offers, keep an eye out for information about applications and interviews. The student executive team, with our leadership from Trav and Kailyn and the guidance of Dave and Lauren, are excited and prepared to do all we can to make this year at Manea Senior College a great one. On behalf of the whole executive team, a huge thankyou goes out to Paul and Emma for supporting our fundraising ideas and also helping us come up with new and better ideas, and also to Dave and Lauren for generously giving up their precious time to help organize us while on camp. The exec camp to Pemberton was a worthwhile and engaging experience and we look forward to the year ahead.

Darcie Nichols
Certificate II Sport and Recreation and Outdoor Recreation Work Placement

Manea Senior College students completing their Certificate II qualification in Sport and Recreation and Outdoor Recreation, commenced their work placement with the South West School Sports Association during Week 8. Throughout the year, these students will be involved in the organisation, management and officiating of the interschool sports carnivals throughout the South West region.

On Tuesday, the 25th of March, their first day of work placement commenced with officiating at the Interschool Swimming Carnival. All of the students in the programme conducted themselves in a professional manner throughout the day and positively influenced the success of the carnival. At the closing ceremony, Peter Smith, the Director of School Sport Western Australia, complemented the Manea students on their initiative, organisation and work ethic at the carnival. The South West School Sports Association is looking forward to working with these students on the remaining carnivals in 2014.

Kylie Glancy

WORK PLACEMENT for Vocational Education and Training (VET) STUDENTS

All VET students at Manea Senior College are required to complete a minimum 55 hour work placement, as part of their enrolment. We are encouraging students who will not be attending Country Week to organise a work placement during this time (30th June – 4th July). Students need to contact Jo or Kristy in the VET office to facilitate this placement and ensure the correct insurance paperwork is completed prior to commencing. VET students who are attending Country Week are expected to complete their work placement hours during the school holidays or at the end of Term 4.

Jo Herring, VET Coordinator.

Volunteer Fire Fighting Fundraising Day

Supporting volunteer emergency services Representing Bunbury Volunteer Bushfire Brigade (BVBFB)

On Friday the 6th of March, Manea Senior College held a free dress day and asked for a gold coin donation from students in support and recognition of the volunteer emergency services. This year the emergency services experienced the most demanding and busiest bushfire season in more than a decade, with fires occurring as early as August. Since then in New South Wales, Fire Rescue Services volunteers have responded to more than 6,600 bush, grass and scrub fires.

At Manea Senior College we had the opportunity to thank our Volunteer fire fighters who gave their time to protect communities across the state whenever the call came. I have been a volunteer fire fighter for nearly two years and my colleagues and I were pleased to demonstrate what our equipment is capable of. I want to thank Manea Senior College for holding this day of support, for taking bush fires seriously and engaging with the Volunteer Emergency Services.

Amir

Term 1 Activities at MSC

- Bralink fundraising Cake Stall
- Integrated Science Fish Dissection
- Integrated Science Skull Construction
- Margaret River Pro Drug Aware Presentation
- Human Biology Heart Dissection
- Scholarship Morning Tea
- Integrated Science Scuba Diving
- Seed 2 Tree Pricking Day
- Volunteer fire Fighting Free Dress Day
- Student Executive Camp
- Vocal Maneacs
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone Users**

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select “OK” to allow push notifications. Also click on “more” then “Setup” and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

**Android Users**

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed click on “more” then “Setup” and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au