Dear Members of the Manea Senior College Community

With Paul Mathews away on a short break, I welcome you to our Term 3 Newsletter.

Congratulations Janene Wells – Finalist in the WA Premier’s Secondary Teacher of the Year

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Janene Wells on being named one of four finalists for this award. This is fantastic recognition for Janene and the outstanding job she does. The Manea community wish Janene all the best for Monday December 1st when the final winner is announced at Crown Perth.

The Final Stretch

It has been great to see so many students accessing the College tutoring program recently. This program along with the upcoming Manea Year 12 ATAR Revision Seminars is designed to boost the outcomes for all students involved. I am also highly impressed by the number of staff willing to give up some of their Term Three break to run the seminars (see timetable on page 5). I urge all students to use the Term Three break as the final opportunity for academic catch up and study time. Year 12s only have two weeks of school left and need to make the most of every opportunity. The students sitting ATAR exams have just over a month to complete revision programs, so use the time well and make some smart choices about prioritising study, eating healthily and getting adequate sleep.

Year 11s will also benefit in using the final break to get ahead of the pack by completing work and revising.

Important dates:

Term 4 begins : Monday 13th October

Manea Showcase: Wednesday 22nd Oct 22nd at BREC

Year 12 Graduation Dinner: Thursday 23rd Oct at Lighthouse Resort

Year 12 Final College Day and Assembly: Friday 24th Oct

Leaving Class of 2014 Presentation and Awards Ceremony: Tuesday 9th December at BREC
Electronic Communication - Progress Reports and Attendance Letters

Parents and students should have recently received a student progress report giving you an indication of how things are tracking. This time we have trialled emailing out the progress report, an initiative that has been very well received. In addition attendance letters and other forms of communication have also been emailed out, providing prompt and efficient communication with parents and students. At Manea Senior College we will continue to move forwards using email communication as the preferred medium. A big thank you to Keith Marley our Deputy Principal for the extensive work that has been undertaken to make this happen.

Student Express is a student newsletter which is also emailed to each student every week. This communication provides a vast array of essential information including content relating to upcoming events, examinations, scholarships and much more. Students are encouraged to check their Education Department emails on a daily basis.

Outstanding Charges & Contributions

Thank you to those parents that have paid their child’s Charges and Contributions for this year. There are however still a number of accounts that require payment. Please note that outstanding balances should have been fully paid by 28th April 2014 unless alternative payment plans were put in place. Outstanding amounts still owed to the College will be sent to parents by the end of this term along with a letter from me outlining options. Please contact our Business Manager if you have any queries.

Rod Rykers
Principal (Relieving)

2015 Text Book Requirements and Charges

2015 Text Book Requirements and Charges will be available early in December. This information will be placed on our website. Our preferred supplier for our text books will be OfficeMax and an online ordering process with home delivery (for a small fee) will be available. Information with instructions will be either posted or emailed to parents early in December.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

Just a reminder that students’ should not be dropped off or picked up from the Visitor/Reception or Staff Car Park areas at the College. Please use the designated Student Drop Off/Pick Up Zone at the front (SWIT end) of the College.

2014 Yearbook

The College Yearbook is a compilation of photos, events and stories that have happened throughout the year and for the first time will be produced in conjunction with the College’s Certificate III Design Fundamentals students. The book makes a great keepsake to look back on and costs only $25.00. Due to it being professionally printed we only order enough books to cover students who have pre-paid. If you have paid all of your Charges & Contributions you will receive a copy of the Yearbook automatically as it is charged as an item (unless you have specifically asked not to pay for it). Please contact the office if you are unsure of whether you have paid or not or if want to purchase a copy. Final orders and payment are required by 31st October 2014.

‘R U Ok Day?’

Manea Senior College participated in the national ‘R U Ok Day’ on Thursday 11th September. The day was a free dress day and started with students having a free healthy breakfast and snacks, expertly hosted by the Manea Health Committee. Two ‘Care Pack’ raffles were run with proceeds being donated to the ‘Black Dog Project’ which supports people living with a mental illness and provides education and artistic literature aimed for young people. Headspace also attended Manea during lunch giving out free water bottles and wrist bands to students, along with information about their services in the Bunbury region. In total $212.50 was raised, which was a fantastic effort, well done to everyone who donated. Students were reminded to ask their fellow students ‘R U Ok?, remembering that it’s “Are you Ok?” day every day at Manea.

Year 11 Student Executive

Finished with our first term on the executive council, the seven of us have been thrown straight into the discussion of various activities and concerns to do with college life at MSC. We’ve been involved in helping with wear it purple day, RUOK day and the brainstorming of how we can improve the MSC lifestyle for both Year 11 and 12 students. It’s been a full on start but we’re slowly getting into the groove of it all.
Year 11 Seed2Tree Camp

This term, Year 11 students from MSC and Childside School, spent a very cold night in the middle of the bush near Kojonup preparing to plant 5000 seedling grown and developed in the College shade house. The project sponsored by HOTROCK gave the students an opportunity to plant back into farming paddocks trees that were removed in the 1960’s, which have now been found to have had a damaging effect on the surrounding ecosystems. Some of the students comments included: “a great opportunity to plant trees”, “nice to meet and get to know other students” and “a fun way to help the environment”.

Health Committee

Promoting good nutrition and healthy eating are some of the core values of the Health Committee, and we have been acting on this premise this semester by holding Free Healthy Breakfast days and making smoothies during events such as the R U OK Day. We are looking forward to continuing to promote healthy habits and holding Healthy breakfast events to maintain Manea’s healthy eating standards.

Excursion to Harry Perkins Medical Institute

Students in Biology this year were able to consolidate work learnt in class by visiting the Harry Perkins Medical Institute at QEII in Perth. The focus of the visit was to apply the work they have been taught on biotechnology. Due to the nature of the subject only simulations can be carried out at College and student were able at Harry Perkins to use real live DNA to detect the presence of the melanoma gene in a series of people through the process of PCR and gel electrophoresis.

Manea Human Biological Science students also travelled to the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research to take part in this year’s Huntington’s Disease Forum. They joined students from Perth schools to listen to members of the HD community tell of their experiences with the disease. Students also used modern genetic testing techniques in the research laboratory and participated in HD ethics discussions. Students said the forum opened their eyes to this tragic disease and recommended it to next year’s Manea students.

Manea Showcase - Wednesday October 22

Manea Arts students are gearing up for the annual MSC Showcase, which is scheduled for Wednesday October 22 at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre. The Showcase will commence at 7.00 p.m.

The Showcase features all aspects of Manea’s Arts program. The Vocal Maneacs, Manea’s vocal ensemble, will perform, and the Dance students will present a number of their works. Short films created by Media students will be screened, and there will be a still visual arts display at the venue. There will also be a performance of the College’s annual pantomime. This year’s play is Gretel and Hansel, and promises an entertaining combination of slapstick action and familiar pantomime-style humour.

Tickets are only $15 for adults and $10 for students and concession card holders. Tickets should be purchased from BREC, either by telephone (9791 1133) or online at bunburyentertainment.com.

We hope to see you there! Les Pearce, Drama Teacher

Sail Around the World

Applications for the ballot to sail around the world in 2015 on the Young Endeavour are open during September. More information is available at http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/site/

Triple A Update

During this term Year 12 Triple A students welcomed the new Year 11 Triple A students with a lunch provided by Rod and the College Administration. Some Year 11 students were also invited to attend the UWA Science Café and were lucky enough to talk to scientists such as astronomers and botanists. After this students were taken on a quick tour of the UWA science library and the Biochemistry building.

Human Biology Zoo trip

This term approximately 50 Human Biology students from Manea and Eaton Community College visited the zoo to discover in 3D how primates function. Students were given the opportunity to talk to zoo staff and then visit the animals in action to complete their final research assessment. All comments from the students were very positive, saying they were able to put something they had to study from their textbook into a life study.

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Health and Medical Specialist Program

It has been a jam-packed term this term! Students visited the Marshall Centre for Infectious Disease Research and Training and met the program ambassador Dr Barry Marshall. Students explored the laboratory, spoke to leading scientists, walked through the gastroenterology unit of Sir Charles Gardiner hospital and held the Nobel Prize medallion with Dr Marshall. Something that the students can aspire to for their futures!

In August they presented a Health Promotion stall at the Science Spectacular. The students represented the College well with over 250 blood pressure measurements taken, 300 samples of healthy snacks, some happy kids with their UV bracelets and a few challenging Daniel to the Rubik’s Cube! It was a great day for the students to showcase their maturity, knowledge and skills and they did a fantastic job!

In week 7 the students were fortunate enough to be invited to the Rural Health Conference for University students interested in rural health careers. They experienced Dentistry, Pilates, Occupational Therapy and how to do a chest drain and suturing. The inspiring guest speakers and a fantastic group of students led to a great day out in Fremantle.

The students have also been part of a mentoring program with medical students from the SPINRPHEX health clubs this term. They have been visited by medical students from Perth to learn some plastering and stethoscope skills and have been working with St John Ambulance trainers each week preparing for the Crash Scenario in week 10.

Crash Scene Scenario

Students in the Health and Medical Specialist program will show case their first aid skills learnt by St John Ambulance trainers this term in a simulated crash scenario on the 25th of September. Staff from MSC have been working with St John Ambulance, Bunbury Police, Fire and Emergency Services and ECU to put together a showcase of our local professionals for an experience that the HMSP students will never forget. A huge thanks goes to Jo Ellard (HMSP teacher), Annette Mateljan and Kate Commins from St John Ambulance for their organisation and training for this event.

‘Orange’ School Bus Services

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2015 and are you seeking Transport Assistance on an ‘Orange’ school bus?

In 2015 all Year 7 students, will be attending high school as secondary students. This will have a substantial impact on the ‘Orange’ school bus network and will require significant planning. It is very important that Public Transport Authority establishes the number of eligible students requiring Transport Assistance.

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2015 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au.

Please be aware; Transport Assistance is offered to eligible families in two forms, either by ‘Orange’ school bus or a Conveyance Allowance paid to parents to drive their children to and from school. The type of Transport Assistance provided to a family depends on many factors including, location and bus availability.

If your child is currently travelling on an ‘Orange’ school bus and they are not changing schools next year, there is no need to reapply or contact us as your transport arrangements as a rule will remain the same.

If you have any further questions please phone 9326 2625 or email schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au
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**NB:** Manea College Examinations start on Monday Oct 6th