Dear Parents and Students

Welcome to the third Manea Senior College newsletter for the year. This newsletter is also historical for Manea as it is the first edition to be distributed electronically instead of the traditional posted copy.

Spring brings some glorious weather which, while beneficial to outdoor activities, can also entice students away from focusing on final assessments and revision for the exams that are now looming. Our Year 12s have come so far on their educational journey that it would be disappointing if they allow distractions to prevent them from achieving their true potential. My message is therefore simple: keep your academic focus as a high priority and finish in style what you started twelve years ago! By the time you receive this newsletter, Year 12s will have 15 days of school remaining and Year 11s about 30 days left before they become Year 12s.

I am pleased that a significant number of our students are choosing to spend Week One of the Term Three holidays attending the revision seminars Manea staff are delivering. The College is indeed fortunate to have staff dedicated enough to give up some of their holiday time and I thank those staff for their generous support of our students.

Along with the increased work load that all students should now be undertaking, the College has also spent some time providing students with an overview of healthy eating options. It is critical that students eat well, prepare thoroughly and rest adequately to achieve their best results. Part of being a young adult involves making educated choices about nutrition. My thanks to Carolyn Harvie and her Health students and Dave Crawford for their efforts in managing our healthy eating day and information presentation.

I would also like to acknowledge some other staff. Genna Blurton was named as a finalist for the W.A. Group Training Awards, Trainee of the Year and Kaye Hughes was nominated for the Department of Education Teacher of The Year Award. Well done and congratulations to both staff members for their well deserved nominations.

Our World Challenge quiz night was a resounding success, raising in excess of $5000! The table the Principal on was narrowly beaten into second place by another Manea table. My thanks to Jane Errey and her team of students and staff for leading and organising a fantastic night.

The College recently held an Amazing Race to highlight the importance of literacy. This was an entertaining way to engage students in recognising how critical good levels of literacy are to opening pathways. Well done to Courtney Gayfer and the Literacy Committee for organising an amazing event.

The College also held a pilot Health and Medical Specialist Program camp. This three day event held in Perth was designed to trial what the camp will involve next year for our first group of Health and Medical Specialist students. Students visited the five major universities, made pharmaceutical products, completed facial reconstructions and were involved in many other activities. From all reports, the event was a fantastic success and our students relished the opportunities they were presented with.

**Course Increase 2013**

While the half cohort reaches Year 11 in 2013, Manea Senior College has continued to increase its course offerings. The College has added a number of new courses for students to access and has offered a number of afternoon and evening classes for next year. Dance is incredibly popular and our afternoon Dance class is almost full. If you want to know more about our additional course availability, go to our website.
Open Day

Our final Open Day for the year is on Monday, October 29 which is a normal school day, so please feel free to come in for a tour or recommend to family and friends that they come and see for themselves how magnificent Manea is.

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. Have a relaxing final break before a frantic end to the school year.

Paul Mathews

Country Week 2012

Country Week 2012 was a great week for both the students and teachers who participated. Manea Senior College was one of over 40 schools involved in the sporting events. Overall Manea produced their best ever results and came 3rd in the Meritorious Shield. Below is a list of the different sports and placings of the Manea teams:

- Basketball Girls Division C placed 5th, coached by Taylor Kemp
- Basketball Boys Division C placed 5th, coached by Carolyn
- Soccer Girls Division A placed 3rd, coached by Rick
- Soccer Boys Division B placed 3rd, coached by Brody
- Volleyball girls Division C came 1st, coached by Cara
- Volleyball Boys Division B came 1st, coached by Simon
- Netball Girls Division B placed 2nd, coached by Asharie
- Football Boys Division B placed 3rd, coached by Dave
- Mixed Touch Division C placed 5th, coached by Andrew

There were also a number of evening activities for the students and teachers, which included: laser tag, the movies, shopping and a barbecue at Hillary’s Boat Harbour. Every night students and teachers gathered for the team meetings, where the results for the day were announced and the Manea Muppet was nominated.

On the lighter side, Troy earned Manea Muppet of the Week by pretending to touch a Lamborghini, guarded by a security guard, then running away and spraining his ankle in the process. He was unable to play Basketball for the rest of the week.

Country Week 2012 was a great week for everyone who took part in the event. Thanks to all the teachers and students who represented the College and the teachers who helped to organise the event.
On 5 December, 25 students and 4 adults will be travelling to Thailand as part of the 2012 World Challenge. The students will be taking part in community, conservation or education based work, where they aim to make a positive difference to the community of Fang.

Manea Senior College hosted a Quiz Night on 31 August. “The aim was to raise funds to assist students to meet the substantial amount required to attend World Challenge,” said Jane Errey, who along with David Crawford, Laura Moore and Tiffany Drage, will be accompanying the students on their travels.

Students who are attending World Challenge are looking forward to discovering a new culture, tasting the local cuisine and a chance for R&R at Ko Chang and Ko Samet Islands.

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation

Many of the Year 11 Mentor groups were invited to a discussion about the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation on Friday 24 August. This foundation supports Australia’s largest Tall Ship, measuring in at 55m in length, covering 810 square metres.

A Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation representative outlined every aspect of the adventure, mentioning the opportunity to participate in one of eighteen planned sailing trips in 2013. Many of the trips will be seven weeks long, costing a total of $1800.

The Foundation also offers scholarships to cover part of the sailing cost, with $1000 being removed from the total cost for those who gain the scholarship. The remaining price of $800 is to cover any remaining costs.

Once the voyage is completed, participants will receive a ‘Certificate of Achievement’ that they are able to attach to their resumes. Applications for next year’s voyages are due in by 1 August and are available on the Leeuwin website (www.sailleeuwin.com).

Whole School Production

Twenty performers and four production team members are busily working towards the completion of their Drama production. The pantomime, based on the “Cinderella” fairytale, features the traditional pantomime classics such as cross-dressing, singing, dancing and double entendre.

The participating students will have been rehearsing for over 16 weeks when they take to the stage at 7pm, 2 November 2012 at New Lyric Theatre, Bourke Street in Bunbury.

“The students are all working really diligently in all of their roles and many are showing high levels of initiative,” answered Kelly Hammond when asked how the participants were reacting to the experience.

Joining in on the action of the whole school production is the Media 1B students, who will be at the performance, recording the pantomime to turn it into a DVD.

Tickets, $10.00 for an adult, $5.00 concession and $20.00 for a family, are available at Manea Senior College at the front desk or by calling 97210600.
Indigenous Health Australia

Having only been here a few months, Eric said, “it’s not that different. I thought everything would be different from Germany, but it’s not... I thought it would be stricter here, but it’s not.”

Eric said he chose Australia because many of the other students chose America, but he had been interested in Australia for a while and decided to make a different choice to all the other students.

When asked if he would recommend Australia and the College to friends and family he said yes, stating, “[Life here] is natural and ... the Australian laziness is very nice.”

On the subject of the College, he said he was impressed by the architecture and said, “it’s very beautiful”, also stating that the students are nice and they made it easy to integrate himself. Eric doesn’t have a long time in Australia but seems very determined to enjoy all of it none the less.

Échange de Français!

After 2 months of playing host to a group of bright French students, Manea Senior College bids an ‘Au revoir!’ to Jeanne, Laurie, Mathis, and Sebastean.

The best part about the College to them was meeting the Manea students, seeing the kangaroos, the cafeteria and the Maths teachers!

“Staff, teachers and the students were really nice to us.” Mathis also said that Manea is a good-looking building.

“Everything was cool and everyone was nice! It’s so important to have good trust,” he described.

Sebastean thought that everyone was really friendly and the academic standard of the College was really impressive. Bons voyages!

Student Exchange

It is a known fact that the College takes in international students to study and live with a host family here in Australia. One of these international students is Eric Jonas, a German student from the town of Borna.

This term seemed to be the time to focus on the health of Australians, and that’s just what Jo Ellard accomplished, setting up an interaction between students and the Indigenous Health community.

Focusing on community health and teeth cleanliness, the program involved Dental Health Nursing school students, Jo’s own Integrated Science 1D students and Year Four Djidi Djidi students.

When asked why she set up the program Jo said, “because part of the unit is community and community is involved”. Within the program the Dental Nursing School created a presentation and the Integrated Science students made a booklet on the presentation.

“It was beneficial because the Dental Health school taught my students and they in turn taught the Djidi Djidi students.” This created a rewarding educational experience. Some of the students said it was a challenge, but a good experience.
Seed Planting Excursion

Manea Senior College’s 2B Geography and 1D Integrated Science classes have been busy this semester in the Wheatbelt town of Talbot planting seedlings they grew from seeds germinated back in March in the newly built shade house. The excursion was a collaborative effort with “Hot Rocks” to help reduce the salinity of the Talbot area and to encourage plant growth. The students involved left Manea on the Tuesday 31st of July for Talbot where they began work planting. That night they spent the night in the Talbot Hall and later the next day returned back home for some much deserved rest.

Coordinator Dave Crawford stated that the excursion was very successful. “Students really enjoyed it and would like to do it again”. All in all, it was a great team effort by all involved.

Zoo Excursion

Manea Senior College 1B, 2X Human Bio classes and the 2B Psychology class had a full day on the 3rd of September with a trip to Perth Zoo. At the Zoo each class had their own activities or tasks to complete for their course but all students also had an exciting time viewing all the animals.

While all students had their own favourite animal at the Zoo, a particular favourite amongst the students was that of the Orang-utans - in particular the mother orang-utan and her young baby who were unbearably cute together.

The zoo trip overall was a fun and educational excursion for all involved and as always was a great success. Human Biology teacher, Jo Ellard, said, “even though the day was wet and overcast most students had a good time and appreciated the chance to go to the zoo”.

So despite poor weather on the day it is clear that the trip to the Perth Zoo will always be a much-anticipated excursion for Manea Senior College students.

Sustainability Conference

Students of Manea Senior College will remember when the College recently played host for the annual “Hot Rocks” supported Sustainability conference which involved 75 students from Year 7 to 12, and 15 teachers from all over the South West.

The conference was held over two days on 21 and 22 August in our own IRC. It was the first time that the event was held at a venue other than ECU.

Last year’s conference resulted in the construction of Manea’s Chook pen in Pandora. This year the results were just as exciting. Overall the conference was a great success. Thanks go to all involved in the event for helping to make it such a productive two days.

P.A.R.T.Y

Known commonly as P.A.R.T.Y, the “Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth” program is aimed at making teens aware of the dangers associated with Alcohol and to help prevent risk taking behaviour by engaging students in a series of speeches as well as hands on activities.

This year, two groups of students from the College visited the South West Health Campus to be involved in the P.A.R.T.Y program. The students spent a full day at the campus and were involved in such activities as a tour of the Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit, speeches from an Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist and Physiotherapist as well as a paraplegic and a confronting presentation of some cases of people involved in accidents.

The students were also involved in six activities to show them what it would be like to be incapable of the use of certain limbs and senses. One student commented that the P.A.R.T.Y experience was an eye opener for some.

Manea Senior College teacher Jo Ellard said on reflection, “it was a great day and a huge amount of resources were put into one day for the students.”
Two of our budding soccer stars are heading to New Zealand in October to represent Western Australia at Under 18s Soccer Competition.

Ben Kirk and Brynn Wells were selected to travel to New Zealand a few months ago and have been training for this fantastic opportunity.

Good luck, boys!

We are putting out a call for any unused College Uniforms that are in good condition and you no longer use. If you are able to donate any uniform items please drop them off at Reception and we will put them to good use. This would be much appreciated and thank you in advance for your donations.

Family to provide a home for a 16 year old country girl attending Manea Senior College for Year 11/2013 and Year 12/2014.

Boarding Fees will be paid each term. The student will be involved in sport outside of school hours.

Please call Paula on (08) 97617505.

“Manea is a fantastic place to learn,” he says, “it’s great to study here.” Michael Pannett and Andrew Kuzich also took UMAT to study medicine. We wish them every success in achieving their study goals!

On 16 August 2012, Andrew Healey organised an information night for parents of Manea Senior College students in the College’s IRC.

As of 13 August 2012, online applications open for 2013 university admissions on the TISC website. TISC stands for Tertiary Institutions Service Centre which is for students who are on the university pathway and hoping to gain entry to a Western Australian university, a university in the Eastern states or even abroad!

Visit the TISC website at www.tisc.edu.au to work out prerequisites for desired courses, an ATAR calculator based on previous years, and how to apply for your university course!

Articles and photographs in this newsletter are mostly contributions from the students in the Media Mentor team.