Hello Parents and Community Members

The 2012 academic year has come to a rapid end and Christmas is less than a month away, but in many areas of College life, this an extremely busy time as we continue to finalise preparations for 2013. 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 2012 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. I will say more about the 12s at the Awards Evening on 4 December.

As the Class of 2012 departed, they handed the role model and leadership baton to our current Year 11 cohort who will become the Class of 2013. 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. Dave is also working on finalising the Year 12 Awards Evening.

I congratulate our new College Captain for 2013, Amy Szeliga, and the Deputy Captains, Brianna Collard, Lauren North and Callan Branchi. I look forward to working with them in 2013.

I had the pleasure of watching Manea’s first ever drama production, “Cinderella: The Pantomime”. I was thoroughly impressed and enjoyed a different take on the Cinderella story. The audience also enjoyed the performance of the cast and crew. My thanks are extended to Kelly Hammond, director extraordinaire and all students and staff who were involved in a memorable event.

Another first for Manea was the announcement of the inaugural group of students accepted into the Health and Medical specialist program. A presentation evening was held to mark this occasion and we believe that the 23 students selected are the first in Australia to participate in such a program. Well done to Rod Rykers, Jo Ellard, Janene Wells and Cherylee Donovan for making the program and the evening possible. I look forward to observing our Health and Medical students in action next year.

Before 2012 is complete, one final significant event is going to occur. Manea is sending 24 students, 3 staff and a volunteer to Thailand on 5 December to participate in the World Challenge. 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 Jane Errey for her tireless work in managing the World Challenge excursion.

College Board AGM

David Trench, chair of the College Board since its foundation in 2008, has resigned due to his move to Perth for business reasons. I thank David for his enormous contribution to helping create the vision for the College and embedding so many policies and strategic directions. The success of Manea has been enabled through David’s support. I thank David on behalf of the entire Manea community and I wish him well in the next phase of his life. The Board will vote for a replacement for David at the AGM.

The AGM will be held on 12 December at 6pm at the College. A report on the performance of the College and the Board will be presented at the AGM. All community members are invited and welcome to attend.
The Board is also seeking up to two new parent representatives, so if you would like to nominate, please e-mail or call me to register your interest. Nominations close on 11 December.

To assist with the College report, I would appreciate your feedback via the survey that is due to arrive in your letterboxes 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.

One of the best indicators of how successful Manea has been is the fact that we will not have a half cohort next year. Other schools have had to plan for a reduction in Year 11 numbers for 2013, but Manea is actually increasing its population and is now placing students onto wait lists. There are limited places in certain courses still available. There is a little more room for new Year 12 students. Manea is now the biggest provider for senior schooling in the greater Bunbury region, a tribute to the wonderful job being done by all members of the College staff team.

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 2013 will bring.

Regards
Paul Mathews
Principal

**FYI**

Manea is setting up an initiative to allow incoming students to purchase second hand books and uniforms. If you have any items you are willing to donate to the College please take them to the front office.

**An Addition to the Manea Family**

On Thursday 8 November 2012 at 11:31pm, our fantastic Year 11 Coordinator Chris Gill and his wife, Janelle, became proud new parents of Lila Susan Gill. We welcome this gorgeous little girl to the Manea Senior College family!

**A Word From Our 2013 College Captain – Amy Szeliga**

In 2011, I enrolled into Manea Senior College and after being interviewed, I was officially going to be a 2012 student at Manea. I made the change from Ocean Forest Lutheran College and embarked on the new challenge into the College of only two year groups. Manea gives you the opportunity to explore the many corners of the world and to explore the freedom you are given. I’ve selected my pathway at Manea to follow on into university to study sport physiology and teaching. Because of this school I am able to follow my dreams and create the future I desire. Although this change was daunting, I have matured into a fine young adult and am now the College captain of Manea. It just shows how easy it is to become a confident, bright, young adult when you are given the opportunities to and this is what Manea provides to you!

In 2013, I will officially take up the position of the 7th Manea Senior College School Captain. I am excited to take on this position, and work alongside both students and staff to move the College forward. I do not stand alone in captaining as I will be working alongside my trusted friends and Deputy Captains, Callan Branchi, Lauren North and Brianna Collard. I believe the four of us as well as the Student Executive will be the voice of the students and apply our knowledge to do our jobs as best as possible. In 2013, our team will embark on the challenge to continue to develop the College’s standard to provide the Greater Bunbury community with the finest education in the state.

Written by 2013 College Captain, Amy Szeliga

**Our New Student Exec.**

As of next year, Manea Senior College will have a new team of student executives as well as a new College Captain and Deputy Captains to improve communications between students and teachers, as well as to represent Manea Senior College in the Greater Bunbury community.

Elected to represent the College as College Captain in 2013 will be Amy Szeliga. Working alongside Amy will be the Deputy Captains: Lauren North, Callan Branchi and Brianna Collard. Working to improve the school and communications between students will be the Student Executives. This executive team features the skills of Quinn Daly, Oliver Loffelman, Madison Dixon, Jordan Aiken, Jessica Guy, Tayla Kirk, Georgia Dobbs, Ellen Green and Caitlin Phoebe. Go team!

*Year 11 Executive members will be elected in 2013.*

**New SMS Service for Parents and Students**

Get the effects by txt! is a new service of the Australian Drug Foundation that provides drug information via mobile text message.

Simply text a drug name to 0439 TELL ME* (0439 835 563) and receive a discreet and authoritative drug information message direct to your mobile phone.

The reply will list a number of the drug’s effects, and links to find further information on the DrugInfo website as well as the Directline phone number (1800 888 236) for 24/7 free and confidential counselling and referral.
As some people may have noticed, the Year 11 classes have been joined by a number of Year 10 students. Some have been here since the beginning of semester; some have only just joined recently. They come from all sorts of different backgrounds; home school arrangements, the Eastern states and even from other countries! They’ve chosen to sacrifice their last moments of Year 10 to experience Manea’s environment a few weeks before their peers join them at the start of next year. Even though they don’t have to participate in any exams or tests, they’re learning lots anyway.

One Year 10 student, Ksana, from Melbourne, describes Manea as “easy-going. “They treat you like an adult, which is different but good because it allows you to have more responsibility and freedom.”

The rest of next year’s Year 11 will be joining us from day one next semester and they will receive as warm a welcome as this year’s Year 11 did.

Iluka Visions

Iluka Visions was a competition held at Bunbury Regional Art Gallery to encourage high school students around the Greater Bunbury region to showcase their creative art talents. Approximately 750 submissions were sent in, including 17 from the College. Out of the 150 accepted, Manea student, Lindie Naude had her photograph, entitled “Wildflower” presented in the gallery, and said, “the level of quality in all the other work was amazing.” Along with photographs, students were able to send in any form of art from sculptures to paintings.

The Last Day of Year 11

This is it. The last day of Year 11. The daunting thought that has been looming on the Year 11 cohort for a while is finally here. The day started like any other Friday but there was a feeling of nervous excitement in the air. An anonymous Year 11 says that she is “stoked”! With exams just around the corner, study sessions are in full throttle.

On the final day, Karen and Rick joined forces in Period 3 and demonstrated some very interesting chemical reactions and experiments, including the ever-popular “Elephant’s Toothpaste”. Using chemicals only known by the teachers and lab technicians, they produced wonderful displays of colour change and, what appeared to be, magic.

Unfortunately for Rick, instead of producing bright lights and heat of over 2000°C, both attempts to light the “Thermite” reaction failed spectacularly.

“There’s always next year,” he told the disappointed Chemistry 2B students.

But there were many other amazing things to see, with many compounds and elements of all different colours, which left us excited to learn the theory behind it next year.

The Ongoing Djidi Djidi Program

On 30 October, the College hosted students from the Djidi Djidi Primary School. Janene Wells’ Stage 3E Maths class were tasked with designing board-games for the Djidi Djidi students to trial and review.

This was not the first time the students have been involved in activities at the College. Involvement with the Djidi Djidi School has been an ongoing College project with the aim of teaching the children about career options as well as the standards and expectations of them when they reach high school.

School counsellor Adrienne Hunter has been involved since the project’s inception in July and is adamant that the program has been a success. She reflected, “In my whole experience in teaching and learning with them this year, it’s been a very, very positive thing.”

The project has essentially been a transitional program for the students and over the year they have learned about careers in photography and the sciences. Adrienne calls it a positive experience as the children have been taught by the Year 11 and 12 students about these topics.
A Conversation with a Former Student

 Whilst focus exists on the students and their successes at the College, what good is a school if there are no post-College results to show for it? Manea spoke to former student Courtney Delaporte to discuss her post-College experience.

 Manea: What are you doing now? Are you studying, working, or taking a break?
 Courtney: I am currently studying a Certificate 3 Business Admin course at Central TAFE. I also have completed a Certificate 3 in Digital Media and have enrolled into a marketing course for next year.

 Which pathway did you take: University or TAFE?
 I studied at Manea with the intention of going to uni but decided that TAFE would be the better option so I could get a job earlier and learn 4 or 5 different courses in the same time frame.

 What is your long term goal?
 At the moment my goal is to get a job within a business where I can eventually end up working as a marketing director.

 Would you say Manea has given you the knowledge to achieve this goal?
 Yes, attending Manea was the best decision I made. The staff are wonderful and very knowledgeable and the students are dedicated and hardworking.

 Drama Students’ Time and Effort Pays Off

 After sixteen weeks of hard work, the 25 cast and crew members of the Manea Senior College Drama group performed their production of "Cinderella - The Pantomime" at the New Lyric Theatre. The group performed the play three times over the course of two days, Friday 2 November and Wednesday 7 November. Students arrived at the theatre on the Friday at 8 am to prepare for a day of dress rehearsals and performances. Full run throughs of the play were performed that morning to prepare for a matinee performance for Clifton Park Primary School, Dalyellup Primary School and Dardanup Primary School.

 With Literature teacher Les Pearce on lighting, Science Technician Beth Talbot backstage and production crew member Rosie Leggatt on sound, the technical side of the performance went off without a hitch. When asked how the production went as a whole, writer, director and teacher Kelly Hammond said; “The final product was superb and I was extremely proud of the cast and crew. It was well received by those who watched it and the feedback I have received after each of the three shows has been overwhelmingly positive”.

 The South West Fashion Festival

 Many are gearing up for what will be the biggest event in fashion in the South West. Adequately named The South West Fashion Festival, it is a “local celebration of fashion design, business and creative endeavour” as stated on the official website. Established in 2010, the Fashion Festival is a non-profit organization that promotes and showcases fashion as well as giving many opportunities for South West artists, designers, models, stylists and photographers to promote their creativity and style and gain an insightful experience. The Fashion Festival run open competitions for both local designers who want to have their work showcased in the event and for local photographers to become the event photographer.

 The South West Fashion Festival (SWFF) will launch on Wednesday 23 February and continue until Sunday 27th at the Rose Hotel. To keep up the anticipation SWFF will be holding a few events in between. Recently, on 9 November, SWFF held a preview evening at Casella’s where they held a fashion show showcasing a selection from the designer Betty Tran, who afterwards announced the winners for the Photography Competition, Jo Bevis and the Face of Fashion Competition, Georgia Bignell.

 Manea Senior College student Lindie Naude entered into the photography competition and although she did not win the competition to become the event photographer, Lindie was given the first honourable mention the South West Fashion Festival has ever awarded, the presenter stating “We cannot wait for [her] entry next year.”

 Lindie was awarded a free gift from the designer jewellery store Eshe and said “I really didn't expect to get anything as I was up against vastly more experienced professional photographers.”

 Many Manea Senior College students who are also models are excited for the opportunity, hoping to follow in the footsteps of local model turned actor Courtney Eaton. For more information about the South West Fashion Festival you can go to http://www.swfashionfestival.com or email info@swfashionfestival.com for direct contact.
Aquaponics and the Pandora Garden

David Crawford and his Integrated Science students have been busily working away at creating an aquaponics system for Manea Senior College. In 2011, the Sustainability Committee along with volunteers, designed and constructed the chicken pen located in the Pandora Garden, which is now home to a number of hens. The aquaponics setup will house marron and other aquatic species that are native to the area. These animals will be returned to a local river once they have grown as part of a rehabilitation project.

“The system will be setup for not only Manea students but also other students from other schools to learn and understand how aquaponics works and the importance of sustainability,” said David Crawford. The Pandora Garden will also be seeing some changes this year, with plans of a ‘Bush Tucker Garden’ underway. Once the garden is established and the aquaponics system is up and running, Manea will be hosting a lunch consisting of a range of seafood and native vegetables from the garden.

Year 12s Last Day

On Friday 26 October the 2012 Leavers of Manea Senior College had their last day in their schooling life. To celebrate their efforts there was a ceremony held and attended by the Year 11 cohort, parents and staff. After the Year 12s had released their balloons and the ceremony had ended, everyone was given a chance to have a slice of chocolate cake made by one of the Leaver’s parents. Media student Cassidy Charchallis, a leaver who has attended Manea since the start 2011 gave some advice to the next cohort of leavers: “My advice to the current Year 11s is to make the most of your time at Manea, because it goes so fast. And to not give up at the end because it’s so worth it.”