

# 2016 Newsletter: Term 3 Edition

## Principal's Print

Dear Members of the Manea Senior College Community, welcome to our Term 3 newsletter.

### *The Final Stretch*

As we approach the final 23 school days for our Year 12 students I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Manea staff for the outstanding work they do each and every day. The dedication to their students and their subjects is of the highest standard, not to mention the additional time they spend providing tutoring during the day, at break, before and after school.

With such a short period remaining for our Year 12 students it is imperative that they make the most of every opportunity whether it be in class, accessing the College tutoring program or the upcoming ATAR Revision Seminars. I encourage all students to use the Term Three break as an opportunity for academic catch up, study time, and to complete revision programs. So use the time well and make some smart choices about prioritising study, eating healthily and getting adequate sleep. Our Year 11s will also benefit in using the final break to get ahead of the pack by completing work and revising.

### **CinefestOZ**

CinefestOZ was officially launched last Thursday with the Cinesnaps (Schools program) in Busselton. Manea Senior College was represented with 2 finalists (out of 7) – Jed Cowper and Dan Geary. I would like to congratulate both students on not only the quality of their film making but on their presentation and confidence in speaking about their films to the audience. I would also like to acknowledge the work of our Media teacher Hayley Searle in assisting the students with their work. Well done to all involved.

### **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 12th April 2016 unless alternative payment plans were put in place. Outstanding amounts still owed to the College will be sent to parents along with a letter from me outlining options. Please contact our Manager Corporate Services if you have any queries.

### **2017 Text Book Requirements and Charges**

2017 Text Book Requirements and Charges will be available early in December. This information will be placed on our website. Our preferred supplier for our textbooks 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.

## Important Dates

### **Term 4 begins**

*Monday 10th October*

### **Showcase of the Arts**

*Friday 14th October*

### **Year 12 Dinner**

*Tuesday 18th October*

### **Year 12 - Final College Day and Assembly**

*Wednesday 19th October*

### **Leaving Class of 2016 Presentation and Awards Ceremony**

*Friday 2nd December  
at Bunbury Regional  
Entertainment Centre*

## Yearbook

The College Yearbook is a compilation of photos, events and stories that have happened at the College over the year. It is produced by our staff and students as a keepsake to look back on. The cost of this book is \$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 28th October 2016.

## 'Orange' School Bus Services - 2017

Is your child starting or changing schools in 2017 and are you are seeking Transport Assistance on an 'Orange' school bus?

The Public Transport Authority is requesting parents that have children starting or changing schools in 2017 and requiring bus travel to complete an online application for Transport Assistance at [www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](http://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au) by the end of September 2016.

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](mailto:schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au)

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Rod Rykers  
Principal

## 2016 Western Australian School Mountain Bike Championships

Bryce Lanigan, Kian Merritt and Gary Matten travelled to the Goat Farm Mountain Bike Park in Perth where, along with 80 competitors from across the state they raced over four laps of the five kilometre track. In the Year 11 and 12 race Bryce took out first place overall in a time of 57 minutes. Kian and Gary came 5th and 8th respectively. The Manea team therefore took out first place in the team event and fifth overall in the school competition.



## Australian Mathematics Challenge 2016

All Manea students were given the chance to participate in the Australian Mathematics Challenge this year. 12 students took up the opportunity and sat the competition paper in July. The Challenge aims to test students in familiar and unfamiliar mathematical situations.

Tyrone O'Doherty achieved a High Distinction and Best in School. Other award winners include Jacob McGruddy, Ben Mitenko and Bethan Rainey gaining Distinction, Flora Gibbs, Lukas Holroyd and Jessica Lawler with Credit. Certificates should arrive from the Eastern States in the next fortnight. Congratulations to all who attempted the Challenge.

## Cinefest Oz

CinefestOz, now Australia's largest film prize, opened in Busselton on the 22nd of August. With so many film industry professionals visiting the Southwest, Manea Senior College students were given a unique opportunity to work with and engage with these individuals.

On Tuesday the 22nd of August, Year 11 Media Production and Analysis students attended a workshop with Australian actor and writer Eddie Baroo (Underbelly). Students were treated to many stories from the set but they were also able to work with the actor on developing their directing and delivery skills. On Wednesday the 23rd of August, the Year 12 Media Production and Analysis students were visited by Australian filmmaker and director Jennifer Perrot (Offspring/Home & Away/The Ravens). Students were taken through her filmmaking process, everything from directing, working with Sam Worthington to applying for funding and how to get films distributed.

Students found these experiences valuable and we would like to thank the CinefestOz team for giving Manea Senior College the opportunity to be involved.

### **CinesnapsOz**

As a part of the CinefestOz film prize, the CinesnapsOz is the student film competition. This year, there were over 30 entries from schools all across the Southwest. Year 12 Media Production and Analysis students, Daniel Geary and Jed Cowper were amongst the 7 finalists selected. On Thursday the 25th of August, Jed and Daniel attended the Grand Final screening in



the Cinefest Marquee in Busselton where they had to present their film and screen it to the audience. Both films received positive feedback on their films and are to be commended on the hard work they put into their projects.

### **Aqwest Photo Competition**

Congratulations to Year 11 Design Photography student Clarissa Van Der Dolder on achieving 3rd place in the recent Aqwest Photography competition.



### **Country Week 2016**

Country Week 2016 saw 112 students across 11 teams travel to Perth to compete in a week of friendly competition.

- Boys AFL
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Mixed Hockey
- Speech
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Netball
- Girls Soccer
- Mixed Touch Football
- Boys Volleyball

Students competed hard throughout the week with some great results and only a couple of injuries. Night time activities included Bounce, movies, RAC BStreetsmart and an Awards night. The bus trip back was a very quiet trip as most students were exhausted from the busy week.

Our best results were, Boys Basketball – 1st in B Division and Netball – 1st in B Division.

### **Computer Coding Challenge**

Over the last 5 weeks students in the Year 11 Computer Science course have participated in the National Computer Science School (NCSS) Challenge. The challenge allows students to develop their computer coding skills using the 'Python' programming language.

The NCSS Challenge is completed online via integrated web-based lessons and problems for students to solve. Online tutors support classroom learning and students are able to track their progress marks for solving each challenge.

Manea Computer Science students have taken on the intensive learning of the NCSS Challenge with great enthusiasm and teamwork to solve weekly coding problems. As one student put it, "The challenge has been hard but it has been fun as well."

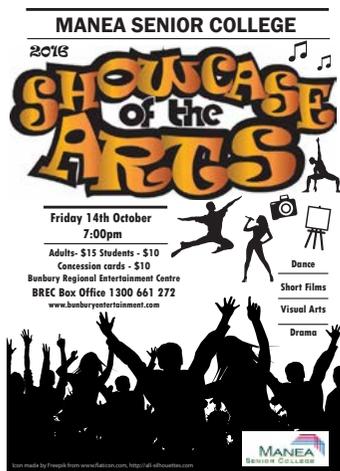
At Manea we will be looking forward to making further use of NCSS resources next year and taking on the next challenge level. The Computer Science students are to be congratulated for the learning and results they have achieved over the last month.

*Brad Hicks*

*Computer Science Teacher*



## Manea Showcase of the Arts



Students in the various Arts courses operating the College are gearing up for the annual Showcase of the Arts.

This year's program will include the usual array of performances and static displays produced by Manea's creative talents.

The Media students will again be presenting music videos, short art films and documentaries, including two short films, produced by Jed Cowper and Daniel Geary, which were shortlisted for the recent Cinesnaps competition.

The College's Dance students are working hard to develop the performances they will present during the evening, and we can expect to see more of the polished Dance presentations that we have seen in past Showcases.

The Drama class is currently well into rehearsals of this year's play "Mystery at Winkley High". Revisiting Winkley High School, which featured in last year's performance, the play concerns a missing Drama teacher, whose students set out to solve the puzzle of her disappearance. With the activities of the investigating students, an incompetent secretary, and the intrusions of the intrepid Detective Cloak and Sergeant Dagger of the police force, Winkley's Principal finds her school going to wrack and ruin.

The BREC foyer will be host to a display of works, both sculptures and paintings, of Manea's Visual Art students. All in all, the Showcase will again provide a great evening of entertainment for all who come along.

Friday October 14, commencing at 7.00 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and concession holders and will soon be available at the BREC Box office on 1300 661 272 or online at [www.bunburyentertainment.com](http://www.bunburyentertainment.com)

*Les Pearce*

## Student Services Update

### What's been happening this term?

Another busy term is fast approaching its end. The Student Executive have focussed mainly on well-being this term, organising Dough-Nut Stress Day where they provided morning tea for all of College during Mentor. The donuts were certainly well received by all! Many 'Keep Calm' posters with catchy slogans have been placed around College to lift people's spirit. A short presentation was also given at College meeting about self-care and ways to take a break.

Wear It Purple Day was celebrated in week six to raise awareness of and show support for sexually diverse young people. Purple wrist bands were given out to all for free and a thought provoking video portraying that 'love has no labels and love is love' was shown during College Meetings. The Love Has No Labels campaign was designed to challenge people to open their eyes to bias and prejudice and work to stop it in ourselves, our friends, our families, and our colleagues. You can watch the video by clicking on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnDgZuG1hHs>

R U OK? Day was held in week eight. R U OK? Day is an annual day in September dedicated to remind people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, "R U OK?", in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference to anyone who might be struggling. Please see the attached R U Ok? Guide to asking how someone is going.

Staff and students wore free dress in bright colours in exchange for a donation which will go to the R U OK? Foundation to further fund research and programs to benefit mental health. Student Services ran a 'Pay it Forward' campaign in which we started the movement by supplying breakfast in exchange for people taking a 'Smile Card' which encouraged them to perform a random act of kindness for someone and to then pass the card on for the next person to do the same.

In the coming weeks, we will be running some exam preparation workshops and activities. Details will be in Student Express and announced at College Meetings. However, students are more than welcome to access Hannah (Year 11 Student Support Coordinator), Tahnee (Year 12 Student Support Coordinator) or myself (Kristy - Student Services Manager) at any time for help with study timetables, tips for procrastination, stress or any other associated issues.

## Dress Code

Jeans have again begun to be an issue in a number of people's dress at College. Students may not, under any circumstances, wear denim / jeans. The Department of Education stipulates through legislation that 'Denim must be excluded from all school dress codes'. Students who continually wear denim to the College will be asked to either change in to a spare uniform that Student Services can supply or parents will be contacted to bring them an appropriate change of clothes.

## Seminars for parents

Relationships Australia are offering some parent seminars in Busselton on various topics over the coming weeks about raising teenagers.

GP Down South is offering a free Mental Health First Aid Seminar to people in the community caring for people suffering a mental health condition. This course is a valuable tool as it teaches skills to give initial help to people experiencing mental health problems, in a mental health crisis situation, or in the early stages of a mental illness. The seminar is being sponsored so is free.

*Relationships Australia*

## Busselton – One Night Seminars

- Step Families – An Intro  
*Tuesday 6 September*
- Setting Healthy Boundaries  
*Tuesday 20 September*

All seminars commence and conclude 6.30pm-9.00pm, and are held in the Busselton Family Centre (19-21 Kent Street Busselton). \$30pp. Concessions available.

Bookings Essential through Relationships Australia Bunbury branch – please call 6164 0566 or email [Bunbury.Education@relationships.wa.org.au](mailto:Bunbury.Education@relationships.wa.org.au)

## Mental Health information – Headspace

Did you know?

One in four young people have experienced a mental health issue in the past 12 months – a higher prevalence than all other age groups. Research shows that 75 per cent of mental health issues emerge before the age of 25. By treating these issues early and providing a holistic model of support, the risk of them developing into more serious problems is greatly decreased.

Headspace have a website containing information about mental health, physical health, work and study, alcohol and drugs, helping a friend and much more. Most of their services are free to access or only involve a low cost. People aged from 12 – 25 can access headspace services.



If you don't have a headspace centre nearby or you don't feel ready to visit a centre, eheadspace provides confidential online and telephone support 7 days a week. To access eheadspace for the first time all you need to do is register at [eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au) or phone 1800 650 890. You will need to provide some information like your email address, postcode and age. eheadspace sessions are generally for 30-60 minutes.

<https://www.headspace.org.au/young-people/>  
<https://www.eheadspace.org.au/>

## Health and Medical Specialist Program

**HMSP Dinner:** Teachers Peter Jo and Carolyn were treated to a final dinner with the 12 HMSP students. After a shared meal gifts and memories of past events were exchanged. Teachers reminded the students that after being involved for 18 months in the program we were really excited and positive about the student's future proposals.



**HMSP ECU Visit:** Year 11 HMSP students were involved in a visit to ECU Bunbury nursing school during the term. This started with a tour of their simulation ward and ICU ward and then a Q & A session with the lecturer at the end. Students were also given a tour of the ECU campus looking at the UWA dental school and the Rural Clinical School for medical students.

**HMSP Clinical Skills:** Year 11 HMSP students visited the Trade Training Centre and completed clinical skills with Justin and Ben from the Rural Clinical School. The two medical students had fun teaching the MSC students how to suture and work on simulated needled insertions.

**HMSP Whole School Crash scene:** Year 11 HMSP students have been studying their Provide First Aid with Ian from St John Ambulance in preparation for the crash on Friday Sept 9th. All public are welcome to attend from 10.45 am at ECU oval.

**HMSP - Lifestyle Disease:** Students presented their Lifestyle Disease and risk factor Health Promotion to the College Community. Students and staff were treated to exotic juices, sugar free apricot and date coconut delights in



attempts to show alternatives to sugar laden food options. Students could practice their juggling skills to relieve their mental stress or test their fitness capabilities against the best! Skin cancer information helped to make decisions on skin types and risk. All in all the message was to live well now and enjoy good health later!

Thank you to all for your support.

### ***Biology***

Over the last two terms students in Year 12 Biology have been progressing on a Powdery Mildew experiment on behalf of CURTIN University. Students have been growing different variety of barley seeds in Pandora Garden, collecting data every week on the lookout for powdery mildew in the seedlings. The results are sent to and collected by CURTIN University for a state wide program involving electrophoresing of the sample leaves collected.

### ***Year 12 Academic Manager Report***

For our Year 12 students, their time at the College is coming towards the end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 12s for their efforts so far and urge you all to ensure you finish off the year strongly! We recognise that that this is an exciting, and sometimes stressful, time of your life, and we would like to see all Year 12 students completing Year 12 to the best of their abilities.

I would like to congratulate a number of our Year 12s who have already had some great success: A number of students have already completed their VET certificates this year, which is a result of strong organisational skills and good time management. We also have a number of students receive an 'Early Offer' to the University of their choice.

I would like to make you aware that some small improvements over the next few weeks can see you reap significant rewards at the end of Year 12. On average, an ATAR student who improves their course marks by 3% can improve their predicted ATAR ranking by 5 points!

Current ATAR predictions for Year 12 students are available to students through their Mentor Teacher.

VET students can also make some big gains over the remaining weeks; completing all work placement requirements may give you extra WACE credit, and ensuring VET certificates are completed before the deadlines will also be very important!

All Year 12 students have the opportunity of an early completion date. October 19th will be the last day for all Year 12 students who have completed their Clearance Forms. This is to reward the students who are up to date academically, have all absences explained, have completed all VET requirements and any other compulsory tasks that have been asked of them. I would encourage students to get on to this now to avoid having to stay back at College after their peers have left.

Students are encouraged to make use of the support available at the College. There are a number of different support options available; from face-to-face tutors, free online Yourtutor access, teachers who are willing to help and a student services team to support you in all facets of your life.

I hope all Year 12s maintain their focus, enjoy their remaining time at the College and finish on a really positive note!

## Happy Vegemites



Students this term have been exploring aspects of 'self' in an exciting sculptural project. The work is ongoing and they are having a lot of fun playing with plaster and wire to create 3D forms and masks. The ATAR group is frantically getting ready for the external marking of their production work and continue to work to produce the best possible standard.



Lily Robertson and Breeanna Batrick making a face mask....David Hastie lost a few hairs but did well as a model.

## Hi-Tech Ag Solutions Tour



Year 12 Integrated Science students recently visited local business, Hi-Tech Ag Solutions. They were lucky enough to observe the production of a seaweed-based fertiliser, a smell better forgot, and learned about the clever harvesting of heat from certain chemical reactions for use in other factory processes. Hi-Tech Ag's chemist demonstrated some of the endothermic and exothermic reactions used in the factory and students engaged in hands-on chemistry activities. Thanks to Hi-Tech Ag's Alex Gaman for an interesting and informative tour.

## ATAR Geography Bunbury Excursion



The Year 12 ATAR Geography students are currently studying Planning Sustainable Places. Within this unit students undertake an indepth study on Bunbury Regional Urban Centre. Thus on the 11th of August we had the opportunity to undertake an excursion within Bunbury, to examine the site, situation, internal and external morphology and functions of the urban area. The excursion enabled students to undertake their fieldworks skills and have concrete examples of the regional urban centre to describe geographical concepts. It was a great day spent with a wonderful group of students who are genuinely interested in applying sustainable practices to improve urban living. The local knowledge of the students was impressive and their eagerness to implement sustainable practices leads to inspiring conversations.



## Making News



A special thanks to the Bunbury Mail for their coverage on our unique alliance with St John Ambulance WA - one which allows MSC students to become country youth ambulance officers. [Read the article here](#)