### 2016 - SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

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**Term 3:** Tues 12 July to Friday 16 September 10 weeks (2 week holiday) (early departure time 2.20)

**Term 4:** Tues 4 October to Friday 9 December 10 weeks (summer break, normal departure time 3.20)

**NB:** Terms 1 & 3 school holidays start on the same day as local schools. In Terms 2 & 4 we break up 1 week earlier than local schools.
TERM 3 Package Free Week THIS WEEK
Mon 12 September to Fri 16 September

Morning Tea and Lunch will be cooked at school for ALL Classes - Prep to 8 each day during this week
(Prep children will continue to prepare their own morning tea but will be provided with lunch)

Office Notices - IMPORTANT

Once again, at the end of term we find ourselves with a small mountain of lost property in the office. Please come and look through the tables outside Admin to reclaim some of your family favourites. All unclaimed clothes will be donated to a local charity at the end of this week.

END OF YEAR ENROLMENT INFORMATION We are currently undertaking enrolments for students wishing to enter the school in 2017. Please let anyone know, who intends to apply for a place next year, to contact the office on 57791445 in order to secure a place. Likewise, this is a reminder that one full term’s written notice is required to exit the school for any students intending to leave the school at the end of the year (excluding Class 8s).

Notice will need to be given before the start of Term 4, or as per our Fee Policy, or you will be charged a term’s fees. Budget planning for 2017 begins in September. To discuss anything regarding fees please speak to Andrew Karzons, to discuss any other concerns please speak with Fran.

Join us TONIGHT for a Q&A Session on Steiner Education

Hosted by Howard Chaston with a panel including Janina Pappas, Fran Cummins, Sarah Lieber & Foley Lachal

Starts at 7pm in the 7/8 Classroom

It will be a fun way to find out more about Steiner Education. All the Questions you wanted to know but were too afraid to ask.

Mansfield Steiner School OPEN DAY

PRODUCE STALL

The produce store this year will be run by the past friends and parents.

We are asking the whole school community (as well as past P&F) to begin considering, now, contributions to the stall. ANYTHING that can be preserved, pickled, fermented, jammed, squished, dried etc. Cakes, jams, chutneys, fresh produce, lemonade, bread, kombuchu, etc...

NOTE: If you are able to help in any way - planning, making, helping on the day please contact Maureen Englefield maureen@virtual.net.au 0419 307 509

P&F Croissant fundraiser

Please pick up your croissants from school and make sure you have paid for them ASAP if you haven’t already done so.
CLASS 3 TRASH & TREASURE SALE

Wondering what to do with old books and toys? Have too many eggs in the fridge and too many jars of marmalade in the pantry? Then rest assured your trash will be someone else's treasure!

Class 3 will be holding a Trash and Treasure stall at **1.15pm and 3.20pm on Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th of September**. If you have items that you could be donate it would be much appreciated. This event will conclude our ‘Money and Trade’ Main Lesson & all funds will be donated to the Mansfield Wildlife Rescue in Tolmie.

For more information contact Clare clareb@mansfieldsteiner.vic.edu.au

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Everyone’s An Artist

You are invited to submit a piece of artwork or writing to celebrate 30 years of Steiner Education in Mansfield.

The Everyone’s An Artist exhibition will be held at the school **Friday 21st – Friday 28th October, 2016** with a special Opening at 3pm on Saturday 22nd October at the Spring Fair and Open Day, all welcome.

Entry is open to all past and present students, families and staff of the school and full details, including entry forms, are available at mansfieldsteiner.vic.edu or the school office.

**Entries Close**
Thursday 13th October, 2016
Artwork Received: Thursday 18th October

**Opening 2pm, SAT 22 October**

Exhibition Opening Times:
FRI 21 Oct 3.30-6.00pm
SAT 22 Oct 9am-3pm
SUN 23rd – FRI 28 Oct 3.30-6pm

Mansfield Steiner School 91 Highett St Mansfield
Phone 03 5779 1445 mansfieldsteiner.vic.edu.au

Entry forms are available from school or from the school’s website www.mansfieldsteiner.vic.edu.au
We have had a glimpse of Spring over the weekend and with all the rain, the whole countryside looks refreshed and fecund. There are blossoms, wattles and flowers everywhere, the birds are nesting and the magpies are at their ferocious best.

Three years ago a strike couple discovered the shoe rack on our back verandah. They found that Peter’s size 10 shoes were the perfect dimensions for building a nest and raising a family.

Over the weeks we furtively watched the patient pair sit on the eggs until three chicks hatched. We observed the mother through demand feeding, the frantic rushing out for food and keeping the chicks snug when Spring became temperamental. The male was always nearby supporting his partner.

One day the family was gone, we assumed the chicks had experienced their first feeble flapping, sensed the air beneath their wings and taken off into the great wide world. We felt a vicarious pride that the chicks had successfully reached adolescence and were probably ready to indulge in risk taking behaviour before becoming responsible adults and parents themselves. We felt like true empty nesters. The nest was still sitting neatly in Peter’s Birkenstock sandal and he was ready to wear them.

He carefully dismantled the nest and proceeded to get a season’s wear out of the shoe. At the end of summer, the shoes were placed back in the rack.

The next Spring, we heard the familiar tweeting and the birds were back, happily ensconced in the same shoe, and the lifecycle commenced again. This is the third Spring the birds have returned to their shoe rack home. They attempted to make their nest in another shoe but it obviously didn’t have the same “je ne sais pas” of the old sandal so they abandoned that build and sought out the old shoe.

Their return emphasises for us the rhythm of the seasons, the routine of child rearing and reverence for the hardworking parents. We look forward to celebrating Spring with the Spring games on Friday the last day of term 3.

We welcome Andrew, Melinda and Damon Karzons to the school this week. Andrew will commence in his position as full time Operations Manager.

Thank you to Sally, Megan and Tony who have kept the office running smoothly over a very busy term.

Wishing you all a rejuvenating Spring break.

Fran Cummins – Principal
Mansfield Little Athletics 2016/2017 Season

Register online at http://lavic.com.au/ and follow the Register Now links. Price = $100 per athlete, discounts apply for families of 3 or more.

Registration collection - Friday 7th Oct 4pm - 5:30pm at Lord’s Oval.
First Competition night - Friday 14th October 4:45pm at Lord’s Oval.

Please contact Jas Reid – 0438 850 701 for any enquiries

Mansfield Junior Cricket

Registrations for this summer’s junior cricket

Milo registrations can be completed online at www.playcricket.com.au or you can register at the registration events below

Under 12’s (and Milo)
When: Thursday 6th October and Thursday 13th October
Where: Lords Ground Clubrooms
Time: 4-5pm
Cost: $75/child (discount for more than one child)

Milo program will be run on Tuesday evenings, starting 8th November

Under 12’s
Training on Monday evenings at Lords nets 4-5pm, first training 17th October
Match on Wednesday evenings, first game 26th October
Please contact Mark Ritchie - 0402 247951 for any enquiries
Tickets on sale now for Oct shows. Tickets available from S&AJ or www.mmuds.org.au

Mansfield Half Marathon & Fun Run

Sunday 30 October 2016

And 2km Fun Run for Individuals & School Teams

Primary School Challenge - $1000 team prize

www.mansfieldfunrun.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Benalla Art Gallery
Garden Creatures; Leaf prints & Artist Books; Paper Plants; Stick Monsters; Moveable paper Collages
www.benallaartgallery.com
Ph: 5760 2619
Email: gallery@benalla.vic.gov.au

Mansfield Library
Stuffed Animal Sleep Over; Lego Insects; The Strange garden; Garden Club Activity
Ph: 5775 2176