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## The Messenger

TERM 2 WEEK 9 TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019



*May goodness fall like Winter snow,  
Around you everywhere you go;  
May the wintry moon above,  
pour light and peace on those we love;  
May gladness from each fireside,  
Shed warmth on all both far and wide;  
May we this cold, dark, wintry night,  
Know we rest in God's pure light.*

To friends and family,

Well, winter is definitely here now – with nights in the negatives this week. On Saturday night the annual winter lantern festival will be held in the main street of town. This year, our lanterns will be very much on display. We held a lantern making workshop at the school on Sunday, and over 40 children came to make lanterns for the parade. Most of these young people (and their families) had not been to the school previously so it was a great opportunity to share a little of our culture with them. On Saturday we will be a presence at the farmer's market with another workshop, and we will be selling our lanterns on the night. Do come and say hello to the lantern makers if you are passing through the market on Saturday.

Our winter celebrations are quite different from the Saturday festival. Winter is seen as a time to look inward, a time of reflection and nurturing. The winter spiral is a lovely way to experience this, with time to reflect as the children wend their way around the spiral with their candle. It is an inwardly and outwardly quiet and beautiful celebration, showing reverence and respect. We hope that everyone feels this as we celebrate the coming of the light (heading towards spring as mid-winter passes) on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

On Friday week, we welcome back the Slovenian contingent. They have had a truly wonderful time by all accounts. They, however, have been sorely missed by parents, teachers and students at the school and we are very much looking forward to

having them back – none more so than myself; I will be very happy to hand the reins back to Fran! I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the term and for making my job manageable. One of the things I love about our school is the way everyone steps up to help when it is needed, and that has certainly happened this term with staff, students and parents all helping to make the school run smoothly. Many thanks, and a warm wish for everyone to have a safe and nurturing holiday.

**Jacinta Walker**  
Deputy Principal

### 2019-SCHOOL EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Term 2: Tuesday 23 April – Friday 21 June</b>	
Governance Meeting	Monday 17 June 6.30pm
Morning Star 3 y.o. Kindergarten Winter Festival	Wednesday 19 June 10am-12pm
Class 1 – 4 Winter Festival	Wednesday 19 June <u>6.45pm</u> children gather in the classroom – parents in the Melliodora Hall
Classes 5 – 9 Winter Festival	Thursday 20 June <u>6.45pm</u> children gather in the classroom – parents in the Melliodora Hall
EC Winter Festival	Friday 21 June 10am Morning Star 4 y.o. Kindergarten and Rosa Mundi
End of Term 2	Friday 21 June <u>3.20 pm normal departure time</u> 3-week holiday break
Lantern Making Workshop Lantern Parade (Join our school community participating in the parade, gather at the Mansfield Steiner School market stall from 5pm to follow Jacinta leading the group)	Saturday 22 June at the Farmers Market 8.30am - 1.00pm  Saturday 22 June 5pm
Fran, Peter and Yr 10 students return from Slovenia	Friday 28 June 5.50pm
<b>Term 3: Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September</b>	
Staff PD day	Monday 15 July
Students commence	Tuesday 16 July
Slovenian Night	Friday 19 July - Details to be announced
Kindergarten and School Working Bee	Saturday 20 July 8am – 1pm
Prep 1 & 2 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing	Monday 22 July 9am – 4pm
Governance Meeting	Monday 22 July 6.30pm
Class 5 Parent Information Night	Monday 22 July 7pm
Class 3 & 4 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing	Tuesday 23 July 9am – 4pm
Class 5&6/Years 7-9 Mt Stirling Cross Country Skiing	Wednesday 24 July 9am – 4pm
Class 6 Parent Information Night	Wednesday 24 July 7pm
Class 4 Parent Information Night	Monday 29 July 7pm
Prep Try Day	Tuesday 30 July 9 – 11.30am
Rosa Mundi Parent Information Night	Tuesday 30 July 7pm
Year 7 Parent Information Night	Wednesday 31 July 7pm
Rosa Mundi Prep Visit	Thursday 1 August
Class 1 Parent Information Night	Thursday 1 August 7pm
Class 5 Play Ramayana	Thursday 1 August 12pm 7pm
Census Day	Friday 2 August
EC Regional meeting in the preschool	Saturday 3 August TBC
Class 8&9 Parent Information Night	Monday 5 August 7pm
Class 2 Parent Information Night	Tuesday 6 August 7pm
Class 3 Parent Information Night	Wednesday 7 August 7pm
Year 7 Play – King Arthur	Thursday 8 August 12pm (TBC) and 7pm

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## WINTER FESTIVALS

Class 1-4 Wednesday 19 June 6.45pm for a 7pm start  
Class 5-9 Thursday 20 June 6.45pm for a 7pm start  
Morning Star & Rosa Mundi Friday 21 June 10am

Please join us for our quiet and reverent Winter festivals.

Each child will walk in and light their candle from the central candle then walk back and place their candle in the spiral. Oldest child and so on down to the youngest.

It is a meditative experience to watch each child walking the spiral to find a light to dispel the darkness. It is, for this reason, we ask that mobile phones be turned off during the festival and ask that no photographs be taken during the spiral walk, thank you.

When completed we will share a minute's silence to experience Winter spiral.



## LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

As the days grow shorter and colder, excitement is building for the annual Mansfield Lantern Parade coming up on Saturday, June 22.

This year Mansfield Steiner School is thrilled to be supported by Mansfield Shire Council to provide a number of All Ages Lantern Making Workshops.

On **Saturday, June 22, 8.30am-1.00pm**, Mansfield Steiner will be running a Lantern Workshop stall at the **Mansfield Farmers Market**.

With all materials provided and no bookings required, the cost of the workshop will be an affordable \$5 per person. This fun and informal workshop will provide a great and affordable activity for the whole family, whilst offering the opportunity to make your own beautiful

lantern ahead of the parade that evening.

And for those who can't make it down to the workshop, Mansfield Steiner School will be selling a limited number of lanterns ahead of the **evening's parade in the main street of Mansfield from 5pm**.

Join the school community participating in the parade by gathering at the Mansfield Steiner School market stall from 5pm to follow Jacinta leading the group.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Rosa Mundi Class enjoyed their final walk for the term last week, with a walk to the Botanical gardens. On a 'four seasons' day, we were blessed by the warm sun and a sprinkle of rain along with lots of fun climbing trees, playing on the playground and meeting the resident magpies. On our way back we explored the secret trail along Fords Creek and delighted in walking through the autumn leaves with lots of singing to top off a fine long journey.

The Morning Star children have been busy little bakers, making winter crafts with salt dough and stamps in preparation for the winter festival.

The Rosa Mundi children have loved meeting King Winter and Jack Frost on the nature table and have enjoyed learning songs of their adventures. They too have been busy crafting, working carefully on

their rest time cushions. The first few finished have been a welcome treat to use at rest time in the afternoon.

We are all looking forward to the Winter Festival, with our Morning Star 3-year-old Kinder group at 10am Wednesday and 4-year-old Kinder and Prep at 10am Friday. Thank you to all of our families and friends for a wonderful term, we hope you stay safe and well and enjoy a well-earned break.



## PRIMARY

Class 1 were very excited to perform at the school assembly last Friday. We are learning how to make words and sentences from the letters of the alphabet. We have also enjoyed cooking on Friday, wax



modelling elements from our stories and playing in the rain. All have nearly finished their recorder bags and are hoping that we can start learning recorder next term.

Class 2 is finishing the term with a form drawing main lesson while continuing to hear Celtic tales. The children are observing the changing seasons through nature walks around the school and finding what plants and animals are out and which ones are "sleeping". They are continuing to practise and learn new spelling rules in English and

work on place value and the four processes in maths.

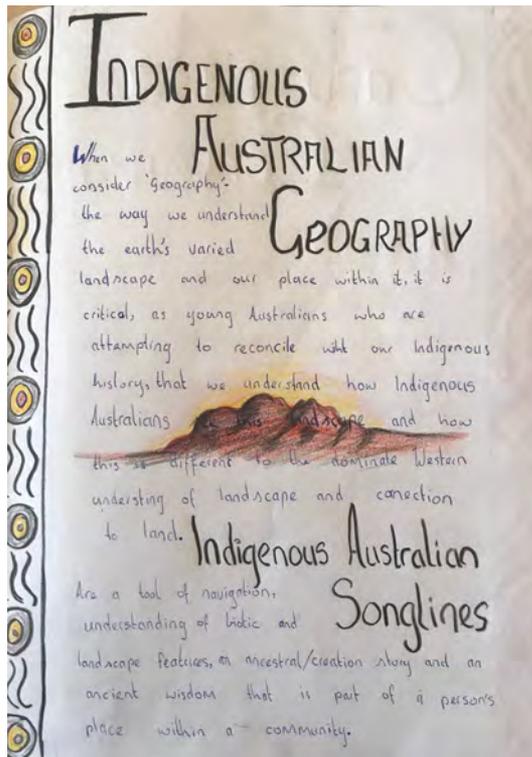
Class 3 completed their 2020 calendars. Each month has a beautiful painting. The children had the challenge of working out the days and dates of the months and compiling their calendars. They knew how many days per month and that January 1 2020 is on a Wednesday. This created many discussions and problem solving activities. (Photo: Class 3 lay out their calendar paintings). A new English main lesson is underway concentrating on grammar and spelling.

Class 4 are adventuring into fractions and pizza making. We are using the grain we grew last year to make the flour for our pizza bases and using our new found fraction skills to make the dough and divide our ingredients.

On Monday Class 5 went to Melbourne for the day to visit the Indian Temples travelling by public transport buses, trains and trams. Our first stop was the Buddhist temple in East Brighton then the Hare Krishna temple in Albert Park, which is a branch of Hinduism.

Congratulations to everyone who shared their instrumental pieces with us last week at the solo concerts. It was obvious that you had all put in a great effort to learn your pieces and we were delighted to hear them!

Class 6 are completing our Wonder and Wisdom of Words main lesson and have just entered the National 'Write a Book in a Day' competition to raise funds for Kids Cancer Research. Sandy MacKinnon visited us to talk about how to write a short story.



## SECONDARY

Winter is closing in and an inevitable slowing ensues. The Senior School, having begun the year at a sprint, have slowed to the gentle jog required to sustain us through the winter. Year 7 have just finished their 'Indigenous Australian Geography' main lesson, inquiring into the different and similar ways that Indigenous Australians and colonial settlers view the Australian landscape. Their final main lesson, 'The Chemistry of Fire', will scientifically investigate the properties of fire and flame, as well as inquire into the importance of fire in the story of human evolution.

Sadly, we will say farewell to Tristan, our teacher placement student. He has been an asset to the senior school during his teaching rounds.

Year 8 have just finished a comprehensive main lesson that focused on personal health and nutrition, something that can be challenging as bodies change and grow during early adolescence. They will transition into their final main lesson for the Semester, 'Voyages of Discovery'. In this main lesson, students will investigate the endeavours of human discovery within science, mathematics and philosophy, which drove the likes of Christopher Columbus and James Cook to embark on sea voyages that defied the laws of physics, as they were understood at the time.

Solo music concerts are eagerly anticipated and many a lunchtime the piano keys and violin strings have been straining away, in preparation for the chance to show parents and members of our community, the musical talents that have resulted from hours of dedicated practice.

Finally, all senior classes (except Year 10) have been given their holiday reading. All students are encouraged to read the prescribed English texts over the holidays. Year 7 are reading Sophie Anderson's, 'The House With Chicken Legs' and Year 8 and 9, 'The Diary of Anne Frank'. Each class has been prescribed a set amount of reading to complete over the holiday period. May the winter holidays bring rest, recuperation, reflection of the year so far and an opportunity to consolidate, refocus and set some gentle goals, reasserting why education and school are important in the lives of each individual student, in readiness to energetically emerge in Semester Two.



## NEWS FROM SLOVENIA

With only two weeks of our cultural exchange to Slovenia remaining, the Year 10 students have mixed feelings about their return. Whilst looking forward to reuniting with family and friends they have realised what an interesting and diverse part of Europe Slovenia is, bordering four countries, there are so many places to explore.



We are currently in Vienna on a music camp with the Year 11s from the Ljubljana Waldorf School. The camp is an extension to their Music History Main Lesson. We travelled to Vienna via Budapest, and gained a quick glimpse of Hungary and in particular Budapest. We stayed in the gym at the Pesthidegruti Waldorf Iskola. One of the side benefits of this trip has been to see other Steiner schools and although so different in physical surroundings and the structure of the buildings, there is a familiarity in all particularly the emphasis on beauty.

Every morning before we begin the day's activities we say the verse first in English, then Slovene and then depending on the country we are in their mother tongue - Hungarian or in Austria - German. The multi-linguistics of students and teachers sometimes makes us feel quite inadequate.

We have had a complete immersion into classical music in Vienna. Each Year 11 student had to do a presentation on a famous composer. As we visited the tombstones of Beethoven, Schubert or Strauss one of the students told the biography of the particular composer. We sang Dona Nobis in a chapel in the cemetery and it sounded amazing.

Yesterday we queued as a group for many hours outside the Vienna Opera House. Finally, after we received our tickets we donned our opera clothes and were enthralled by the energy and passion of Puccini's Tosca. It was a very memorable night.

We are filling many memory books at the moment.

It has been a fantastic experience, the generosity and patience of teachers, host families and the Ljubljana Waldorf School has been quite overwhelming and we are truly grateful.



### T3 SKI PROGRAM

**Monday 22/7** Prep, Class 1 & 2

**2 more parent helpers required please**

**Tuesday 23/7** Class 3, 4 & 5

**4 parent helpers still required please**

**Wednesday 24/7** Class 6, Year 7, 8 & 9

**3 parent helpers still required please**

## OUR TEACHERS



**GLENN HOOD**  
CLASS 4 TEACHER

Glenn began teaching at the school in 2016 with Class 1 and immediately took the first few days off for the birth of his and Kate's second child. Thankfully, he has turned up more regularly since then! Coming from a Secondary School background, Glenn had to adapt to Primary School and has grown to love the enthusiasm and zest for life that the students have. He has his son Tom in Kinder and looks forward to Gemma starting Kinder next year.

*"Staying with the same class is a great thing. Not only do you get the time to build really strong relationships and get to know the children well, but there is nowhere to hide, you must find ways to reach the students you have."*

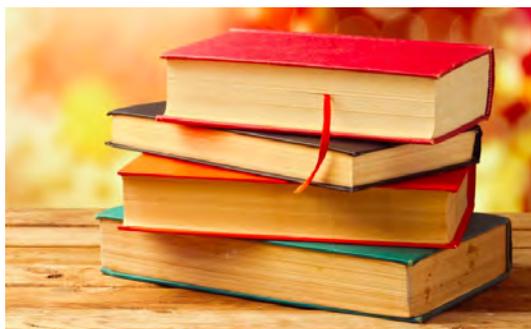


## CLASS 6 FUNDRAISING

Fundraising PIZZA day This Thursday!

**The slices will be ¼ pizza size  
\$2.50 per slice.**

Margarita  
Roast pumpkin, spinach & cheese  
Garlic, herbs & cheese  
Gluten free option also available.



## PONDERING STEINER

We will gather on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start for our reading group.

There is no requirement of reading aloud nor homework. All welcome!

Shop 5, 12 High Street, Mansfield  
Enquiries to: Janina 0421812881 or Ishe  
0488 259 571.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY DATES

Please join us for our school assembly on Fridays at 2.45pm...

Friday, June 21 - Class 6 performance

**The Governance Committee (GC)** held its first meeting since the Annual General Meeting, at this meeting officer bearers were appointed to the vacant positions as below.

- President – Sarah Lieber
- Vice President – John Bowen
- Treasurer – Tim Ross
- Secretary – Scott Ersvaer

We thank Maaik Steiner for her contribution to the Governance Committee over the past 2 years. We also welcome Rosemary Brennan who has been nominated to join the Governance Committee and brings with her a wealth of Governance and Financial experience from many previous board appointments.

During this meeting, the committee also appointed GC representatives to school mandate groups as below.

- Marketing - Peter Valerio and Sarah Lieber
- Gardens & grounds – Catherine Yencken
- Policy mandate – John Bowen & Andy Stokes
- SFC – Tim Ross & Sarah Lieber
- PST – John Bowen & Andy Stokes
- P & F – Catherine Yencken

These members will be the GC representative at the mandate group meetings and provide feedback to the Governance Committee.

### INFORMATION SECURITY

#### Parents – Information security – Mansfield Steiner School

*“Australian businesses reported more than 5800 scams with losses exceeding \$7.2 million in 2018, a 53 percent increase compared to 2017, according to the ACCC’s [Targeting scams report](#).*

*Much of this increase is due to the \$3.8 million reported lost to sophisticated ‘business email compromise’ scams. When combined with losses reported to the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network, these scams cost Australian businesses over \$60 million.*

*“Scammers are hacking business email systems and impersonating the intended payment recipient. The scammers request changes to bank account details so that the business makes the payment to the scammer instead of the legitimate business,” ACCC Deputy Chair Mick Keogh said.”*

<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news/australian-businesses-hit-hard-by-email-scams>

- If you receive an email regarding a change of the School bank account details for payment of fees, please do not respond to the email.
  - The school if required to change bank account details will advise in writing(physical letter to parents)
- Payment of school fees will be to the nominated bank account, do not respond to offers that provide further discounts to fees if a prompt payment is made.
- Please do not send credit card details via email.

### CAMP, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like; school camps or trips, swimming and school-organised sport programs, outdoor education programs AND excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 28 June 2019 (end of term 2). You can apply if you are a family holding a valid means-tested concession card or are temporary foster parents. There are two criteria that must be met, please visit the website [HERE](#) for all the details.

### PARENT RESOURCE PAGE

We now have a [Parent Resource page on our NEW WEBSITE](#). Please take a moment to find your child's Class page and access all the resources now available to you in one place.

For further news and information please follow the links below...

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES...



### WINTER CONCERT WITH MAD ORCHESTRA

Enjoy an amazing ‘once in a lifetime’ Winter Concert with the MAD Orchestra who have put together a program of new and old favourite pieces for an audience of all ages. Joining them will be special guests – the Croydon Wind Symphony. This group of 50+ musicians performs regularly at events and concerts in Melbourne, and this year they have asked to come and perform with our local Concert Band to entertain and delight our Mansfield audience. Over 70 musicians will get your heart racing warm your soul and delight your ears. Mansfield Performing Arts Centre on Sunday, June 30 2pm. Adults \$20 Concession \$15. Purchase tickets online at [www.trybooking.com/BCYXI](https://www.trybooking.com/BCYXI)



### INSPIRED HOT WATER FOR YOUR HOME!

Renewable Energy Mansfield (REM) and our partners are supporting



the residents of Mansfield to access high quality and competitively priced hot water with both CO<sub>2</sub>Heat Pumps and Evacuated Tube Solar Hot systems. REM has secured support that should allow residents of Mansfield accessing high-quality energy saving hot water units at a significantly subsidised rate (approximately \$1000) reduction off the cost of standard installations).

REM are working in cooperation with suppliers and two local plumbers to bring this initiative to Mansfield, which is available for a limited time only.

A large percentage of our electricity bills goes towards heating our hot water and these heat pumps can return huge yearly savings vs an old immersion electric hot water system. – see graph below.

In addition, if you have a solar photovoltaic system then these heat pumps can be installed to use excess energy during the middle of the day, thereby reducing the amount of energy you export whilst offsetting the cost of heating your hot water. Essentially this is a physical battery!

Interested? Contact Kerstie Lee on [landcare@up2us.org.au](mailto:landcare@up2us.org.au) or 5779 1593 or Andrew Webb on 0419 733940

# Have Your Say On The Future Of Our Local Environment

*Interested community members are invited to*

## **Mansfield Shire Council Environment Strategy Drop-in Workshop**

5pm -7pm, Tuesday 25 June 2019

At the Mansfield Library

To RSVP email: [council@mansfield.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@mansfield.vic.gov.au)

or ph: 5775 8555



MANSFIELD SHIRE

## The Actor Factory - MMuDS Youth Drama Group

### The Actor Factory - 2019 - register now!

If you would like to be in Actor Factory and get a taste of next year's musical 'The Kastle', it all starts on Monday July 1st at 4 pm (session 4 pm - 6pm) for 2 hours after school.

Those who can commit to two or three rehearsals in the week before the One Act Play Festival (August 10th) can also have a chance to perform for an audience.

Actor factory this year will run from Monday July 1st, through to Monday August 5th, and will be run by Shannen Andrews.

Actor Factory is open to ages 7 - 17, and the performance focus this year will be the first two acts of MMuDS upcoming musical for 2020, "The Kastle", a musical version of the film "The Castle" which is partly set in Bonnie Doon.

Cost is \$20. Limited places. Register [www.mmuds.org.au](http://www.mmuds.org.au)



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We have family support workers who can help strengthen family relationships and support you with a wide range of challenges you might be experiencing.

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Or phone our service direct on **5775 8560** to discuss the ways in which we can help.

Located: Mansfield Family & Children's Centre, 10 Davies Street, Mansfield.



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