



The Messenger

TERM 1 WEEK 1 WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY, 2021



God bless the corners of this school
 And be the lintel blessed.
 And bless the floor
 And bless the board
 And bless each sturdy desk.
 God bless the door which opens wide
 The children to let in
 And bless the crystal windowpane
 Through which the sun shines in
 God bless the roof tree overhead
 And every solid wall
 The peace of man
 The peace of God
 The peace of love on all.

To friends and families,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. I hope everyone is feeling reinvigorated after the break and ready for a year without hindrances.

Mansfield Steiner School is now officially a Kindergarten to Year 12 school. Our first pioneering cohort of Year 12 students will complete their final year of school this year. Two of the group have been at the school on an educational journey which extends over 15 years. It has been such a privilege to have watched and supported these individuals grow from pre-schoolers to responsible, caring young adults who at the end of 2021 will step into the world with confidence, purpose and initiative. We wish all of our Year 12 students an inspiring and fulfilling year.

This year is also a year of flexibility and change as we adapt to the restrictions of the pandemic. Many adjustments are immediately imposed and as a school we have to hastily modify activities. Continued practices of good hygiene and social distancing will help minimise disruptions.

We have been awarded a grant for two new classrooms, an art space and an improved administration and staff facilities. The construction of these buildings will hopefully commence in the first half of the year in readiness for 2022.

This year we warmly welcome many new families to the school and hope that during their time at the school they experience the rewards of a well-rounded and unhurried education.

We also welcome some new teachers to the school:

Bronwen Whyatt- Cello Teacher.

Ness Hinneberg -Class 6 to IB Year 12 French Teacher.

Jim Fraser- Year 9 Guardian and Outdoor Education Teacher.

Amy Burns -Prep support teacher in Rosa Mundi.

Anthony Jenson- Secondary Art and Crafts Teacher

All Class teachers will be holding Parent Information evenings in the first few weeks of the term, the aim of these evenings is not only to provide information on what's happening in the class for the year ahead but to build a strong class community and relationship with the teacher. A respectful and honest relationship between teacher, parent and child and effective communication are key ingredients for a meaningful, balanced and enjoyable education.

If there are any issues regarding your child please speak to your Class Teacher first, any concerns regarding the school please speak with me and any questions regarding fees please speak to Andrew.

Everyone is invited to attend our first assembly of the year and to stay for morning tea at the Melliodora Hall.

May 2021 be a year of meaningful accomplishments for all.

Fran Cummins
Principal

2021 TERM 1 KEY DATES TO NOTE...

Term 1: Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 April 2021	
Staff PD day	Monday 25 January
Australia Day	Tuesday 26 January
Staff PD day	Wednesday 27 January
Students Commence School for 2021	Thursday 28 January
Playgroup commences	Monday 1 February, 9.30am – 11.30am
Class 1 Parent Teacher Night	Tuesday 2 February, 7pm
School Swim Program - Prep to Year 8	Friday 5 February
School Assembly	Friday 5 February, 2.45pm
Music Tour (Parent Contributions Due)	Sunday 7 February
Rosa Mundi Parent Information Night	Wednesday 10 February, 7pm
School Swim Program - Prep to Year 8	Friday 12 February
School Assembly	Friday 12 February, 2.45pm
Music Workshop Camp at School	Friday 12 – Sunday 14 February
Class 2 Parent Information Night	Monday 15 February, 7pm
Music Fundraising Concert	Thursday 18 March
School Swim Program - Prep to Year 8	Friday 19 February
School Assembly	Friday 19 February, 2.45pm
School Swim Carnival / No School Assembly	Friday 26 February
School Assembly	Friday 5 March, 2.45pm
Labour Day Public Holiday – Student Free	Monday 8 March
School Assembly	Friday 12 March, 2.45pm
School Assembly	Friday 19 March, 2.45pm
School Assembly	Friday 26 March, 2.45pm
Last Day of Term 1 – early departure	Thursday 1 April, 2.30pm



STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR

The school year will begin for all students on **Thursday January 28th**.

The starting times for Secondary students (Years 7 to 12) is at 8.50am and for Primary and Early Childhood children at 9.00am. We ask that all students arrive a few minutes before classes commence. All students will go to their home rooms at bell times. The Class teachers and guardians will be there to greet them and they will then proceed to the Melliodora Hall. Because of COVID-19 restrictions all classes will gather on the northern side of the hall in their class groups to begin the school year. We will welcome the Class 1 children to the “big school” and present the pioneering Year 12 IB students.

Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly at 9.00 am. After the assembly, please stay for a morning tea in the Melliodora Hall.

Kinder students will finish at 12.30pm, please collect your child from the Morning Star room at this time.

The school day finishes at 3.20pm. All bus users to go directly to the bus shelter at the front of the school, where our Bus Monitor will supervise and support younger students.

Students being picked up by parents at the end of the school day will wait at the ‘Waiting Tree’ opposite the preschool. All students who have not been collected by 3.35pm will be accompanied to the office and parents will be phoned.

TRAFFIC WORKS - HIGHETT & VIEW STREET



During the holiday period Mansfield Shire and Alpine Civil have been finalizing the works to install the roundabout at the intersection of View and Highett street. The traffic plan now requires ingress to the school only via a left hand turn out of the roundabout. Therefore, for safety, all vehicles destined for the school are requested, from now on, NOT to turn right from Highett Street but enter the roundabout. Soon traffic islands and signage will be installed mandating "No right turn".

For tomorrow only there will be changed conditions as the asphalt is being applied – all arrivals to the school will be required to follow the directions of Alpine Civil.

We will continue to work with the Shire regarding further improvements to the front of the school to improve the safety during drop off and collection times. If you have any questions please contact Andrew in the office.



SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM (Prep - Year 8)

Commencing Friday February 5, the School Swim Program will run on Friday February 12 and February 19, ending with the School Swim Carnival on Friday 26 February.

Class 5 & 6: 9.30–10.30am

Class 3 & 4: 10.30–11.30am

Rosa Mundi Prep: 11.30am–12.30pm

Class 1 & 2: 1.00–2.00pm

Years 7 & 8: 2.00–3.00pm

School Swim Carnival (February 26): All classes 12.00-3.00pm. All welcome.

A long-sleeved swimming top is strongly recommended for boys and girls.

All children will need a towel, a plastic/wet bag for wet clothes, goggles (if they use them) and

a drink bottle on these days.

Sessions to cover: Age appropriate swimming skills and water safety.

All primary class groups need parent helpers with (WWCC*) in attendance – please let your class teacher know if you can assist as soon as possible, thank you.

*ALL PARENT HELPERS AT THE KINDERGARTEN AND SCHOOL MUST HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK There is no charge for a 'volunteer' WWCC. You can register online and just provide us with a receipt of application. We will receive a paper record of your card if you nominate the school on the application. Please ensure you apply for a WWCC if you would like to assist in your child's classroom or on excursions etc. Thank you. To apply visit <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>



BLANKET PERMISSION FORMS PREP-Year 12

Please remember to return your blanket permission form for any students in Prep-Year 12.

If you have not received a copy please request one via [email](mailto:admin@mrssk.vic.edu.au) or collect a hardcopy from the school office.

Completed forms are due back by Thursday 4 February in readiness for the Swim Program on Friday 5 February.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

Early in the year, the class teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss the year ahead with all parents at our Parent Information Nights.

Your class teacher will be in touch shortly, if not already, to confirm the date and time for your child/ren's class. All parents are requested to please make their best effort to attend.

If you are unsure of the date for your Parent Information Night, please email admin@mrssk.vic.edu.au.



FROM GARDEN TO PLATE SCHOOL COOKING PROGRAM

The Garden to Plate cooking program continues this year, offering the opportunity for Class 2 to Class 6 to participate in the preparation of a wholesome vegetarian cooked lunch once a week.

Monday - Cooking with **Class 3**

Tuesday - Cooking with **Class 6**

Wednesday - Cooking with **Class 2**

Thursday - Cooking with **Class 4**

Friday - Cooking with **Class 5**

Class 1 will cook with their class teacher each week, details to be provided to Class 1 parents directly.

The harvesting of fruits and vegetables is also an integral part to the cooking process, as students learn to embrace what is seasonal and abundant throughout different times of the year. Gardening coincides with each Class' cooking day, so they can support their fellow chefs in the kitchen. It would be great if parents could please help to remind their child/ren to wear appropriate attire on their Class' gardening day of the week.

On the days when your child's class is not cooking their lunch, please provide a wholesome, balanced lunch e.g. sandwich, fruit, vegetables, dry biscuits, cheese etc.

The school places great importance on environmental awareness, so please be conscious of minimising the amount of throw away packaging e.g. yoghurts, cardboard drink containers. Many parents have successfully transitioned to a rubbish-free lunch every day for their child.

We have children at the school who have an anaphylactic response to nuts/peanuts, through both contact and ingestion. The start of the year is a good time to remind parents that we discourage the inclusion on nuts/peanut products in student lunch boxes. The school strongly discourages all students from sharing snacks/lunches at school. However, whilst we do all we can to reduce the risk of contamination, we cannot prevent that some products "may" contain traces of nuts or be prepared in the same manufacturing process. Please clearly label ingredients of any food sent to school events. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

All parents: Please update your child's food allergy information with the school office, thank you.



2022 Mansfield Steiner School Rotorua Music Tour

In 2022 the Mansfield Steiner School Performance Orchestra is hoping to embark on an international orchestra tour to Rotorua, New Zealand.

Students will have the opportunity to travel with their secondary school contemporaries, adventuring to a new country for a week-long music festival. Working under internationally renowned conductors, students will participate in musical workshops, ensembles and performances alongside students from other New Zealand and Australian schools.

The opportunity will broaden student's musical understanding, enrich cultural awareness and expand horizons, offering students a once in a lifetime experience.

The mental health impact of recent bushfires and the global COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on our young people. The aim of the 2022 Mansfield Steiner School Rotorua Music Tour is to reignite student's passion for music performance, inspire a love for learning and the opportunity to connect with like-minded musicians.

The project will offer our local upcoming musicians an insight into international touring and talent, whilst providing a valuable opportunity to create international networks and expose our Mansfield musicians on a world class stage.

By nurturing our growing musicians, we are enriching our regional Australian Musical community, enabling local art and culture to thrive for future generations.

If you would like to help make this exciting international orchestra tour possible, please visit the Go Fund Me link:

<http://gf.me/u/zb8k9u?fbclid=IwAR1uEaZemdX7kialL3qVe-nPjVjZn0Jj28jQAdOTOLf5yIzZEgyQ3YQZfwqc>



LIBRARY DAYS

Library days for each class will recommence the second week back on the following days...

Tuesday: Classes 2, 3 & 4.

Wednesday: Classes 1, 5 and 6.

Please remember to pack your library bags on these days and please check book shelves and bedrooms for overdue returns. All overdues gratefully accepted.

Thank you in anticipation.

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PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will begin Monday February 1, 9.30-11.30am with Taryn Baker. Please bring a piece of fruit to share.



If you have not registered for Playgroup 2021 please do so, please see office staff for a registration form.

There will be one spot available each week for a trial session (one session only), please contact Taryn Baker to book in if you are interested: tarynb@mrssk.vic.edu.au. Following this session, if you are interested in joining Playgroup and the group is full, you will be added to a waiting list.



PONDERING STEINER

The Pondering Steiner reading group will gather on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

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

Shop 5, 12 High Street, Mansfield
Enquiries to: Janina 0421812881.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

2021 SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE

Is now available on the school website together with payment plan options - see [here](#).

ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL including parent helpers must sign in at reception.

ALL VISITORS will receive a numbered visitor's tag which is to be returned to reception at the time of signing out, thank you. CHILD SAFE – Visitors to the school who do not have a current Working With Children Check will be escorted to the area of the campus concerning their visit.

ALL STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY OR ARRIVING LATE must also be signed in/out at reception. This allows staff to be aware of who is on the school grounds if an emergency should occur.

CAR PARK

Please park in the parking bays not along side of the drive and NOT IN THE TURNING CIRCLES as this stops the flow of traffic for other vehicles particularly large delivery vans. Please do not park in the turning circles when dropping off or collecting your child from kinder. Move your vehicle very slowly. Be alert for children – remember the younger they are, the less predictable they are and the harder they are to see. Parents, please watch your children. Make sure they walk along the path – and not through the driveway.

SCHOOL ENTRY: TRAFFIC FLOW

Please follow the traffic directions at the front of school. Entry to the school is one way. Departure from the school is a left turn onto the service road, thank you.

THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (GC) meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 6.30pm.

President – Sarah Lieber

Vice President – John Bowen

Treasurer – Tim Ross

Secretary – Scott Ersvaer

Catherine Yencken, Ingrid Ueno, Rosemary Brennan.

Mandate Groups

Marketing – Sarah Lieber

Gardens & Grounds – Scott Ersvaer

Policy – John Bowen, Ingrid Ueno and Rosemary Brennan

Project Steering Team – Catherine Yencken, Sarah Lieber

Finance Committee – Tim Ross, Sarah Lieber

STAFF SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESSES

Fran Cummins (Principal) franc@mrssk.vic.edu.au - For ALL school issues. (Parents please note your first port of call is to your class teacher to discuss any issue regarding your child, thank you)

Jacinta Walker (Vice Principal) jacintaw@mrssk.vic.edu.au

Andrew Karzons (Operations and Financial Manager) andrewk@mrssk.vic.edu.au

Sally Singleton (School reception and College Secretary) sallys@mrssk.vic.edu.au – Everyday admin enquiries. All staff have a school email address as above, being their first name and initial of their last name ie: name@mrssk.vic.edu.au.

LOCAL BUSINESS REGISTER

Mansfield Steiner School is happy to share our Local Suppliers Register. The purpose of this register is to support our school community's local businesses, promoting a wider awareness so that our community can show local support when considering the purchase of goods or services.

As we continue to grow this list, we are seeking the support of our local business community through the submission of business information. Please complete the [linked](#) form to ensure your information is featured correctly. Forms can be returned to emmaw@mrssk.vic.edu.au or dropped in to the school office.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us on 03 5779 1445.

TRADE	BUSINESS NAME	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL	DETAILS
Registered Osteopath	Dr Bernadette Gifford	Dr Bernadette Gifford	5775 2166	bn.osteo@hotmail.com	Osteopath
Barber Shop	The Shearing Shed Mansfield	Jodie Morris	5775 2300	morrisjodie1973@gmail.com	Men's Hairdressing, Proraso Grooming products & Wahl Grooming products
Agriculture	HCH Genetics	Jacqui Aylan-Parker or Dale Edwards	0429795468 or 0427806672	jacquiaylanp@gmail.com	Cattle AI, semen sales, ultrasound pregnancy testing, embryo flush and transfer.
Retail	Mansfield Sweets Shoppe	Natasha Kavanagh	5775 3221	info@mansfieldsweets@gmail.com	Lollies & treats
Registered Commercial & Domestic Builder	Full Scale Constructions	Matt Anderson	0405 441 473	matt@fullscaleconstructors.com.au	Green living Accredited. Master Builder Member New homes, extension & renovations, shop fits & commercial projects.
Retail	Maison Fireplaces	Ivan Pacak	0409 353 331	ivan@maisonfireplaces.com.au	5% Discount for Steiner Families. Inbuilt & free standing European fireplaces.
Mechanic	High Country Mechanical	Scott Ersvaer	0409 700 978	hcm20B@gmail.com	10% Discount for Steiner Families. All mechanical work, cars & farm machinery.
Electrician	Daniel Friday	Dan Friday	0448 533 510	d.a.friday@hotmail.com	All types of electrical, installation & repairs. Split system air conditioning supply & installation. TV Antenna & Satellite Dish installation & repairs. Fully Licensed & insured.
Retail	Mansfield Noodle House	Jamie & Michelle	5779 1880	jamiepon@hotmail.com	Chinese Cuisine & noodles. Student and teacher lunches by special order.
Retail	Shopping World	Michelle & Maggie	5775 2838	N/A	Variety Shop. Party needs, craft, kitchen needs, picture frames and storage etc.
Counselling and Therapy	The Wellbeing Paddock	Jane Hall	0417 765 366	jhall@ggs.vic.edu.au	thewellbeingpaddock.com.au Individual counselling, Equine Assisted Therapy. Social/emotional skills programs, support and

					staff workshops available.
Graphic Designer	Baker Design Co.	Adam Baker	0407 007 245	info@adambaker.com.au	Graphic Design, Sign Writing, Murals.
Life Coaching / Business Consultancy	Briana Seaton Coaching	Briana Seaton	0427 878 071	hello@brianaseaton.com	www.brianaseaton.com Life & Business Coaching. Published co-author 'Empowered Woman Empowering the World'.
Retail	Snowfox	Kym Henderson	0419 526 344	kym@snowfox.com.au	Snowfox.com.au Skiwear, Ski Accessories, Winter boots, Designer casuals, Alpine jewellery, homewares, snow-themed toys, Mt Buller clothing & souvenirs.
Artist, Qualified Dressmaker, Interior Decorator and Designer	Agnes Robinson	Agnes Robinson	0413 564 228	agirolinson@gmail.com	Natural toys, alterations, sustainable products, craft workshops & Covid-19 Masks.
Builder	Bramic Constructions	Brad Brkljacic	0412 049 244	Brad@bramic.com.au	New homes, extensions, renovations.
Painter	Mansfield Painter	Dane Nye	0439 326 300	dane@555garage.com	Master painter – Domestic or Commercial Painting. Interior & Exterior.

COMMUNITY NOTICES...
