



The Messenger

TERM 1 WEEK 3 MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 2021



*Into my Will let there pour strength
Into my Feeling let there flow warmth
Into my Thinking let there shine light
That I may nurture these children with enlightened purpose
Caring with heart's love
And bringing wisdom into all things.
Rudolf Steiner*

It has been a smooth start to 2021 with all our students, both new and continuing, settling into the routines and rhythms of another school year.

We have had a couple of highly successful Parent Information nights in the past week, with attendees thoroughly enjoying hearing about what is in store for the class and their child this year. There are more information evenings scheduled for the coming weeks. It is important that at least one parent attends the evening; it is an opportunity to meet other families, ask questions and to find out what is so unique about our school and Steiner Education.

I happened to be cleaning up my study on the weekend and came across an article by Robert Trostii in the Fall edition of Peridot- a magazine for American Waldorf (Steiner) Education from the year 2000. (Robert Trostii is a former Waldorf graduate of the New York Rudolf Steiner School, a very experienced teacher and has written many articles on Steiner Education.) The article was called Working together as parents and teachers. Although it is over 11 years old, I thought it is still very relevant regarding our upcoming Parent Teacher information evenings – a quick summary:

Students, parents and teachers are three of the pillars upon which the success of a Steiner school rests. Each of the groups has its own challenges, perspectives and responsibilities, the relationship between the three groups determines the health of the school. Parents and teachers often have more opportunities to work with the students than with each other. A good relationship between parents and teachers will develop if both parties learn to trust one another, and if they support each other. Interest, work, trust, support – these are the key words that underlie the relationship between parents and teachers in a Steiner School.

Interest works in both directions. The teacher's interest in the child extends past the classroom to the family and the home. The parents' concern for

their own children's education must embrace the school as a whole. Without mutual interest teachers may feel isolated and unappreciated and parents can feel judged, alienated and misunderstood. Interest can be cultivated by attending events, home visits and regular communication.

Trust is the foundation of a successful education system. A Steiner teacher is trying to do more than just teach; it is striving to educate children, to prepare them for life. They are trying to do more than cover the curriculum, develop basic skills and make teaching an artistic process. Teachers stand before their students as representatives of humanity and the world.

Rudolf Steiner said:

The healthy social life is found when, in the mirror of each human soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the community, the virtue of each one is living'.

At Lou's Class 1 evening Jane Nealon gave a talk on the 12 Senses. I have attached an interesting follow up link for those who would like some further information.

<http://www.movementforchildhood.com/uploads/2/1/6/7/21671438/12sensesmfc.pdf>

Hoping everyone can make the upcoming nights.

Fran Cummins
Principal

2021 TERM 1 KEY DATES TO NOTE...

Term 1: Thursday 28 January – Thursday 1 April 2021	
Class 3 Parent Information Night	Tuesday 9 February, 7pm
Rosa Mundi Parent Information Night	Wednesday 10 February, 7pm
Class 6 Parent Information Night	Thursday 11 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
Secondary Parent Information Night Yrs 7 – 10	Tuesday 16 February, 7-9pm
Class 5 Parent Information Night	Thursday 18 February, 7pm
Yr 9 Howqua Overnight camp	Thursday 18 – Friday 19 February
School Swim Program - Prep to Year 8	Friday 19 February
School Assembly	Friday 19 February, 2.45pm
Yr 9 Anglesea Coastal Camp	Monday 22 – Friday 26 February
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
Yr 9 Alpine Stirling Overnight camp	Thursday 11 – Friday 12 March
School Assembly	Friday 12 March, 2.45pm
Yr 9 Alpine Bluff Overnight camp	Thursday 18 – Friday 19 March
Music Fundraising Concert	Thursday 18 March
School Assembly	Friday 19 March, 2.45pm
School Assembly	Friday 26 March, 2.45pm
Yr 9 Alpine Hike	Monday 29 – Wed 31 March
Last Day of Term 1 – early departure	Thursday 1 April, 2.30pm

TRAFFIC WORKS - HIGHETT & VIEW STREET

The roundabout installation immediately to the front of the school is almost complete, the works will continue in View Street for a few more months and as such, heavy vehicle traffic will be more frequent. We have requested that these vehicles are restricted during peak times.

A reminder that the traffic plan now requires all 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.



If you have any questions please contact Andrew in the office.



SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM (Prep - Year 8)

Due to the cancellation of our first swim class last Friday we are in the process of arranging a make up class with the pool and shire staff. The outcome of which may change the date of our school swim carnival. Further details to come.

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 (WWC) There is no charge for a 'volunteer' WWC. 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/>



MORNING STAR KINDERGARTEN

Morning Star children had their first full week in Kinder. The Echidnas (4 year old group) enjoyed the rain and building dams in the sandpit, collecting water as it fell from the roof. We talked about how we were saving water by catching it as it rained rather than using the tap to fill our buckets. Our Morning Circle is all about the beach and the nature that we see there. The children have enjoyed sharing their holiday stories at this time.

The Honey Bees (3 year old group) had their first morning at Kinder last Wednesday. They were very eager to participate in the story of 'The Grass Star Man', clapping their hands to the beat; 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the grass star man'.

Sandi Valerio
Preschool educator

ROSA MUNDI

The Rosa Mundi Prep Class has worked hard to settle into their school routine. They have enjoyed hearing the story of The Little Boy Who Went Sailing and singing about the sea in Morning Circle.

Some highlights so far have been baking bread on Wednesday for afternoon tea, beginning our pom pom bunnies and enjoying pancakes for morning tea on Tuesday.

Going for afternoon walks in the rain on Friday has been lots of fun but we are looking forward to swimming when the weather is fine.

Ariel Stava
Rosa Mundi Prep teacher



CLASS ONE

It was an exciting start to the year for Class One as they joined the big school and received their new desks, which they have proudly taken as their kingdom to take special care of on their primary school journey.

With new crayons housed snugly in their crayon bags, they started working on the fundamentals of writing by practising variations of the straight line and curve ahead of their Alphabet Main Lesson this week.

Heartfelt thanks to our Governance President, Sarah Leiber for making their crayon bags.

Lou Pullar
Class One teacher



CLASS TWO

Class Two have settled back into school well. They completed a short Main Lesson on Form Drawing during weeks 1 and 2 to get our fingers ready for lots of writing.

Over the next three weeks we will continue to listen to the Celtic story of 'The King of Ireland's Son' and write some sentences each day summarising the story.

Our focus will be on neat and consistent handwriting and constructing sentences that include a doing and a naming word.

Clare Bennetts
Class Two teacher



CLASS THREE

Class Three welcomed in the new school year with a festival to mark the birthday of all trees – this year falling serendipitously on 28 January. We had a lunch which included all the Middle Eastern staples: olives, grapes, wheat, barley, figs, pomegranates and dates, and then fruit salad containing as many different types of 'tree' borne fruit as possible. We also started the process of planting some carob trees; the seeds had to be soaked for three days before planting, and we made up a seed raising mix using compost from the garden, sand, worm castings and coir for when the seeds were ready.

The class has also welcomed 4 hens, 10 chicks and a rooster to the chicken house, and are looking forward to looking after them all!

Jacinta Walker
Class Three teacher



CLASS FOUR

Class Four has had a wonderful start to the year. In our first Main Lesson, we have been hearing stories from indigenous cultures; listening to creation stories like the Rainbow Serpent, and to stories about laws, like The Midden, where tribes had to stack the bones of their food carefully or would be punished by Biami the Good Spirit.



The class has discussed the purpose for the different types of stories, pieced together a massive rainbow serpent on our wall and drawn beautiful pictures in their Main Lesson books. The class has written their own summaries of the stories and have been practising self-editing their work.

Michael Brittain
Class Four teacher



CLASS FIVE

We welcomed Patrick into Class Five and the children settled quickly and easily into the new year.

The students were introduced to the Story of Writing as their first Main Lesson. This has also encouraged a burst of enthusiasm to complete their craft; cross-stitch pen holders begun during last year. Fountain pens will be introduced later in the term.

It was terrific to see so many children attend JPO last Wednesday and class orchestra will be every Monday.

Linda Sampson
Class Five teacher



CLASS SIX

Class Six have been looking at the life and exploits of Alexander the Great as a point from which to transition from our study of Greece last year to Rome this year.

The sheer enormity of Alexander's conquest and rapid demise of the empire he created is a perfect backdrop to consider what the Roman's did differently.

Important questions have come up in our discussions, such as, why were there no women in the army? And why weren't they public leaders as this time? There is so much to be looked at from this period. It is very exciting!

We had better get busy making our Roman shields, I think we may need them!

Glenn Hood
Class Six teacher



SECONDARY YEAR 7 - 10

Throughout all secondary year levels students have hit the ground running, wasting no time to delve into main lessons and practice lessons with vigor. We are teaching a total of 14 different subject areas (as well as Main Lessons) across the year levels enabling students to enjoy a rich and varied education that complements their developmental stage.

Year 7 have been exploring The Middle Ages in Main Lesson, students have enjoyed creating illuminated manuscripts. They also enjoyed working through a whole school week. Learning how to manage themselves throughout each day with a new timetable, teachers, and 'bell' times, is a big step for year 7 students and they are adjusting well.

Year 8 have been studying the Renaissance in Main Lesson. They studied the transformation of art and culture as Europe embraced Humanism. In addition, they delved into the life and time of Leonardo Da Vinci, including a study of his many inventions and anatomical drawings. They are enjoying new subjects from last year especially practical music class with Geoff and Claire and handcraft with Anthony.

Year 9 have been working incredibly hard with our new Outdoor Education teacher, Jim, to make sure that they are well prepared to enjoy their first of many trips away next week. They are studying Forces that Shape the Earth, a Geography and Geology Main Lesson that will front load their experience in the outdoors throughout the year.

Year 10 are delving deeply into the History of Art Main Lesson - Rome to Renaissance, bringing to life the pathway that enabled the cultural evolution of humanity. Understanding the conditions that were in place for the explosion in art and the societal appreciation that followed, is a cognitive experience that parallels their own developmental stage.

A reminder that our Secondary School Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 16 of February at 7pm. We will all begin in the Melliodora Hall for general secondary information and then move to each child's homeroom for a conversation with the guardian. The evening will conclude back in the hall for tea and coffee, and to ask any remaining questions to staff members. It is hoped that each student is represented by an adult. Please contact your child's guardian should you be unable to attend the information evening.

Secondary Coordinator
Kate Hood



YEAR 12

IB Diploma students move seamlessly into their final year.

Our Year 12 cohort stood proudly before the school on our first day as they welcomed the new Class One students. For Lachlan Hogg and Grace Sanders this was a special moment as they recalled their passage through the same arch all those years ago. It is an exciting new chapter in the history of our school, as our Class One parents now know that their child has the opportunity to complete their entire primary and secondary education in this one location at Mansfield Steiner School.

The IB Diploma is a two-year course, and this means that our seven IB Diploma students have been able to continue with their studies over the break and will begin their final assessments, with their first the English Literature Orals, scheduled for the end of this term. We have a slightly different teaching line up in 2021 as Jenny Taylor, who has been responsible for Theory of Knowledge, CAS and Extended Essay, will also be teaching IB History. We welcome Ness Hinneberg as our new French Language teacher and the school is

proud to have a skilled and dedicated staff to support our students in their final year.

As an international qualification with a strong global reputation, the IB Diploma has a northern and southern hemisphere calendar with associated May and November examination periods. In addition to the external examination, each of the six academic subjects in our curriculum (English literature, French language, History, Chemistry, Mathematics and Visual Art) complete one Internal Assessment before the November examination period. The Core subjects are also assessed, with a Theory of Knowledge essay, the individual Extended Essay and the successful completion of student Community Activity Service projects. A key component of the Visual arts is a final public exhibition of their artwork in August.

The IB Diploma offers our students a holistic and balanced conclusion to their Steiner education and prepares them well for life, whatever their chosen pathway. If you are keen to learn more about the IB Diploma, please feel free to contact the school. We will be offering further insights into our Year 12 students journey over the coming months as subject teachers and students share their stories.

Sue Plumb

IB Coordinator



FROM GARDEN TO PLATE SCHOOL COOKING PROGRAM

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

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=IwAR1uEaZemdx7kiaL3qVe-nPjVjZn0lj28jQAdOTOLf5ylrZEgyO3YQZfwgc>



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 is currently fully booked.

If you would like to register your interest in attending playgroup please see office staff for a registration form or contact Taryn Baker, Playgroup facilitator, tarynb@mrssk.vic.edu.au. Your name will be added to the Playgroup wait list, thank you.



P & F CRAFT GROUP

The P & F craft group will resume on Tuesday 16 February at Sarah Lieber's house 2/16 Baldry Street Mansfield at 7.00pm. Please RSVP to Eileen with your attendance for COVID numbers.

This term, we will concentrate on Easter Craft. There will be stitching, knitting and needle felt projects.

Monthly Mystery Packs to complete are available for those interested but unable to attend on the stated date.

Please text Eileen 0488555952 or email Eileen21side@gmail.com with your interest.

Crafts are catered to all levels so all welcome. Thank you.

PONDERING STEINER



The Pondering Steiner reading group will gather on Tuesday 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
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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@fullscaleconstructons.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	agjrobinson@gmail.com	Natural toys, alterations, sustainable products, craft workshops & Covid-19 Masks.
Builder	Bramic Constructions	Brad Brkljadic	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.

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