

The Messenger

TERM 1 WEEK 1 TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2024



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.

Make new friends, but keep the old One is silver, the other gold....

Dear School Community,

Welcome again to the 2024 school year. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for our first assembly and morning tea organised by our P&F.

We welcomed the new Class 1's to the 'big school' to begin their journey and introduced our year 12's commencing their final year of education with us. For new families, students and staff the beginning of the year in a new school is exciting, but it can also be an anxious time. Please look out for others, make them feel welcome, and encourage your children to do the same.

At the assembly, we spoke briefly about our school's values, Goodness, Beauty, and Truth. There are various layers to how these values guide our school and can be understood. For the moment, we ask that students, staff, and parents consider **Goodness** to be linked with kindness to oneself and others and to remember that kindness is a skill to be practiced. **Beauty**, we linked with a connection to the natural environment and taking care of our school environment. We also linked this idea with creating beautiful things, taking time and care with our work, and giving our best effort. **Truth,** we related to the importance of honesty with ourselves and others. We also discussed that in the older classes, students will begin to consider more complex concepts and will be required to understand the position of others and competing ideas more deeply.

Please be reminded that many school communications will happen through Sentral, and it is important to ensure that the notifications are on, or that you check the App regularly. Text message reminders to check the portal will no longer occur. The Sentral Calendar should be consulted regularly to ensure that you are aware of upcoming events.

We hope that new families enjoy a long and happy journey with the school and warmly welcome back returning families. We value your contributions and look forward to working together in 2024.

Warm regards, **Glenn Hood** Principal



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

SENTRAL APP

The Sentral for Parents app is used by the school to communicate important information to all parents including daily school notifications and academic reports.

Please login regularly and "allow notifications" for the app to receive school information in a timely manner.

If you have issues accessing the app or have lost your access key, please contact Marvin or Sally at the office.

KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL DESK DAY / WORKING BEE 2024

Saturday 27 January 2024 8am – 12pm Morning tea provided

DESK DAY is the opportunity for the resizing and refurbishing of the children's desks along with the freshening up of the school grounds and classrooms for the term ahead.

This is a great chance for everyone to catch up with friends they haven't seen during the holidays and introduce new families and children to the school.



MORNING STAR

A big welcome to all our new families in both Morning Star groups.

We will begin the year with movement circles and stories that reflect our summer holidays. The children will go on a beach adventure as we sing songs about the ocean, the animals and the warm days ahead.

In our first weeks we are focusing on keeping the children close and letting them find their place in the Kinder room. Friendships, trust and feeling a sense of belonging within their new community is the intention that we will hold for them.

Sandi Valerio

Morning Star Teacher



ROSA MUNDI

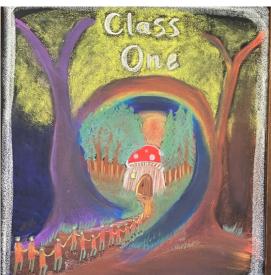
We welcome back our families returning from summer holidays and give a warm welcome to our new family joining us in Rosa Mundi this year.

We will begin our term with stories of the ocean and beach, reflecting on summer holidays and celebrating summer through movement and song.

In our first weeks we are focussing on forming our routine and navigating the wonders of our new Rosa Mundi space, both within the classroom and outside. Reigniting friendships and creating new ones along the way.

Jack Finegan Rosa Mundi Teacher

PRIMARY



CLASS ONE

Class One will begin the term with an introduction to Form Drawing focussing on the straight and curved line. This Main Lesson uses the senses of movement, balance and life. It awakens in the children the ability to experience the forms in a harmonising, stimulating and strengthening way. It allows the children to focus on their fine motor skills and requires them to visualize and experience spatial relationships inwardly and outwardly.

This first week provides an introduction to the Letters Main Lesson which will bring the consonant letters to the children via a pictorial experience. The introduction of the letters of the alphabet will unfold through a series of stories of the folk tale/ fairy story genre. The children will experience many 'firsts' with the beginning of 'formal' learning and I look forward to sharing the journey.

Liz Morrell Class One teacher



CLASS TWO

A warm welcome back to school to all Class 2 families!

With summer still bursting with life around us, the Class Two children will begin our year with a Local Surroundings Main Lesson. They'll meet a young Brush-Tailed Phascogale, Feather, and her grandfather, Dadjerri, who enjoys listening to Feather's stories and watching as she dips her feathery tail into the river to paint with water on the smooth river rocks.

The Class Two classroom is named Dadjerri, the Taungurung name for the Brush-Tailed Phascogale, so it feels fitting that this cheeky little creature lead us into our new year at school. Children will work with brushes and chalkboards to paint forms with water, just like Feather, before carefully drawing their forms into their Main Lesson books along with written and drawn recounts of each of her stories.

Amy Burns Class Two teacher

CLASS THREE

Class Three will be immersed in cursive writing this year as they learn to run their letters together in beautiful handwriting. They will begin the year with their first Main Lesson delving into the Ancient Hebrew Mythology of the Old Testament, working with poetry, painting and songs to mark their experiences.

The class will welcome most days with a short morning run in preparation for the athletic sports later in the term and mental maths after morning tea will



become a daily ritual. Swimming will no doubt be a highlight in weeks to come as will be music lessons as the children begin to learn their stringed instruments.

Thank you to any parents who are able to help out with swimming and in helping develop a practice routine at home to support music, reading and spelling practice this year. Fingers crossed for good weather.

It will be great to welcome back Archie Grinter who returns from living in remote northwestern Australia and a big warm welcome back to all our class families.

Ariel Stava Class Three teacher



CLASS FOUR

Hello and welcome back! Class Four will begin this year building a deeper connection with Country as we meet and hear stories from our local Indigenous friends in our Spirit of Dreaming Main Lesson. From creation stories to the sharing of law and ways of being in the world, the students will be taken on a journey from Mansfield over the mountains to the sea. They will recall these stories through drawings, paintings and written accounts.

This year we welcome Vanya to the Class as she takes the students every Friday.

Lou Pullar Class Four teacher



CLASS FIVE

Welcome back to school Class Five after a long and lovely summer holiday and a special welcome to our new students, Adler and Ruby, as well as our new co-teacher, Sam Charlotte, who will be with the class on Thursday afternoons and Fridays.

We are going to start the year by delving straight into Ancient India, a land in which people move and work together amongst the magical mist. For the first four weeks of Term 1, we will taste Indian curries, play and sing Indian music, celebrate Indian festivals in full colour, draw mandalas, and work with Indian mythological stories to practice our literacy skills.

Clare Bennetts Class Five teacher



CLASS SIX

Class Six are very happy to welcome Ned, Maja and Ethan to our class.

Astronomy is our first Main Lesson and students will be looking at their backyards, and working out where north is, so they can more easily draw their observations of planets, stars and the moon.

Stories from Ancient Greece continue as well as some stories about the life of Jesus - getting ready for Rome and Pancake Day!

Jacinta Walker Class Six teacher



PRIMARY FRENCH

Bonjour!

My name is Solveiga, and I'm excited to be working as the new Prep to Year 8 French teacher. In the first few weeks the focus will be on getting to know the students and giving the students the opportunity to get to know me.

We will refresh our French vocabulary from last year, focussing on greetings, introductions, and numbers. In the upper grades, we will also begin looking at where French is spoken around the world and learn a bit more about some of these different cultures and places in the Francophone world.

Solveiga Saule French teacher Prep - Year 8



Class teachers will accompany the group. Rachel Delany is our Primary Sports Coordinator this year. Amanda Jones will be assisting Rachel. Session's cover age appropriate swimming skills and water safety.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED, please let Sally know if you can assist. All parent helpers must have a current Working with Children card.

Your child will need bathers, towel, sunhat, sunscreen, water bottle. Please note: the children must take a spare t-shirt or rash vest as they are at the pool for 1 hour in the hot sun.



GARDEN TO PLATE PRIMARY COOKING PROGRAM

We are happy to announce the lunch time cooking program has been reinstated and will commence on Tuesday 30 January.

Finella Wadge will be coordinating classes from Monday to Friday for Classes 1 to 5 as follows: Monday Class 3

Tuesday Class 2 Wednesday Class 4 Thursday Class 5 Friday Class 1

Your child will not need to bring lunch on their cooking day.



PRIMARY - LIBRARY DAYS

Skye Meek will be our librarian this term during Bec McMillan's absence. Thank you for the book returns at the end of last year. Any overdues will still be accepted this week.

This term classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

TUESDAY: Class 6 / Class 4 / Class 1/ Prep / Class 5

WEDNESDAY: Class 2 / Class 3



MUSIC

Welcome back to the school year. The music faculty is excited to get back into making music with our students and growing our diverse programme. The focus of Term One is preparing our school orchestras for the **Strings on the Green event on Friday the 22nd of March at 5:30pm**. MSPO, JPO and the Chamber orchestra will perform at the picnic style performance. Prepare your picnic and prepare to be delighted!

Music staff will be working with all students to establish consistency in both lessons and home practice. We will be encouraging students to develop a regular practice routine at home to prepare for this performance.

Celeste Cleason Music Coordinator

SECONDARY



Year 7's will be kicking off the year by going back to medieval times with their Arthurian Literature Main Lesson.

They will be delving into the realm of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table with lessons on heraldry, the code of chivalry and what is takes to make a great knight!

We will also be embarking on our first overnight camp for the year, in week 2. We are heading outdoors to hike, swim, relax and have fun at the Stockyard Creek Homestead.

Amy McMahon Year 7 Guardian



YEAR 8

Year 8 Money and Society main lesson will study cooperative behaviours in human societies from their earliest beginnings through to the modern day. Taking a particular focus on the aspect of 'money' in human culture, this unit will investigate financial systems as a force that shape trade and cultural interactions as well as practical mathematical skills that will support students as they navigate their own financial decisions ahead in life.

Particular concepts to be investigated will be wide and varied, from the roots of the first currencies in Mesopotamia to understanding concepts such as percentage change, pay rates and simple and compound interest loans.



YEAR 9

Dion Hall

Year 8 Main Lesson teacher

Year 9 will spend the beginning weeks of the year learning about the rigid structures of the Earth. Specifically, the geology and Earth forces the have morphed and changed geology across time. This resonates with their morphing inner worlds as they come to understand the complexity of Earths substrate and the biodiversity of expression in the worlds that arise above.

In these early weeks, the outdoor program will traverse both the coastal and alpine environments and we will learn about the geology and geomorphology of these regions, so that we may observe in the field the earth processes which have given rise to different kinds of environments.

Students will spend these early weeks of the outdoor program learning the specific skills such as packing, navigation, camp skills, cooking, low impact strategies and effective group communication skills so that they can effectively learn to manage themselves and the group in outdoor spaces.

Suz McKay Year 9 Outdoor Ed



YEAR 10

The Year 10's are beginning the year with the Chemistry of Salt Main Lesson. While they are aware of sodium chloride through their lived experience with it and the abundance of it, there are many more salts to discover and explore. These properties and the exploration of them develop a foundation of chemical understanding including concepts of acids, bases, and the concept of neutrality.

Briony Davenport

Year 10 Main Lesson teacher

YEAR 11 & 12 IB

The IBDP group of 2024 met together this morning for the first time, officially. We launched into Anthropology, reflecting on some of our production, exchange and especially consumption habits and experiences over the summer. This is the start of a closer, deeper consideration for our own cultural practices - at an individual, community, and global level. We stop to think more on why we do what we do, and what principles or values underpin our societal systems.

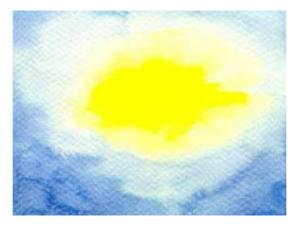
Three beginning focusses this term will involve how deeply our economic systems are embedded within all facets of our lives and the way we view the world in Anthropology, how these relate to our health and prosperity in English, and our relationships with the natural world in Art.

Leith Pierce IB Coordinator



TERM DATES 2024 Term 1 Staff 29/1 Students Tuesday 30 Jan – Thursday 28 March (Early departure 2.20pm) Term 2 Staff 15/4 Students Tuesday 16 April – Friday 21 June (Normal departure 3.20pm) Term 3 Staff 15/7 Students Tuesday 16 July - Friday 20 Sept (Early departure 2.20pm) Term 4

Staff 7/10 Students Tuesday 8 October - Friday 6 December (Normal departure 3.20pm)



PONDERING STEINER

The Pondering Steiner reading group gathers each THURSDAY of the school term . We are reading 'Occult Science' - One of Rudolf Steiner's major works and the epitome of Anthroposophy. Anthroposophy underpins the Steiner curriculum but we do not teach it. In school understanding Steiner's picture of child development is the most important thing.

TIME: 7 - 8pm Reading, 8 - 8.30pm Discussion Where: Shop 5/12 High St. Mansfield.

Please call Janina on 0421 812 881 if you would like to attend. SORRY UNSUITABLE FOR CHILDREN of any age.

NGOBI-AN GADHABA GARDEN

Ngobi-an Gadhaba garden - You could take a family walk through the new Ngobi-an Gadhaba (learn together) garden at the Botanical Garden created by Gadhaba Local Aboriginal Network.

The garden will introduce you to some of the plants used by the Yowung-illam-balluk people for food, medicine, tools and fibre.

We acknowledge and respect the continuing connection to Country of the Yowung-illam-balluk people of the Taungurung clan on whose land we work and play. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



https://taungurung.com.au/

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

2024SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE

Is now available on the school website.

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.

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

CAR PARK

Please park in the parking bays, not along the 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 the 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) The Governance Committee holds legal responsibility for the activities of the school. It meets on the third Monday each month to consider and decide on any issues of school governance. This group is legally responsible for the oversight of all aspects of the school. Elections are held at the AGM in May each year.

Management of the school is delegated to the Principal and the School Leadership team. Here is the updated structure of our current Committee:

President: John Bowen Vice President: Scot Ersvaer Secretary: Nicole Nye Treasurer: Tim Ross Governance members: Anna Speirs, Sara Watts, Jan White and Sally Batten

School Finance Committee – Tim Ross, Anna Speirs Policy Mandate Group – John Bowen, Jan White Building Assets & Grounds – Glenn Hood, Marvin Cramer

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM: Responsible for oversight of all management, pedagogical and welfare functions of the school. Members: Glenn Hood, Marvin Cramer, Leith Pierce, Kate Hood, Michael Brittain, Celeste Cleason and Sandi Valerio.

STAFF SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESSES

Glenn Hood (Principal) glennh@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)

Celeste Cleason (Deputy Principal) celestec@mrssk.vic.edu.au

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Seamus Kavanagh (Head of Secondary) seamusk@mrssk.vic.edu.au

Kate Hood (Head of Wellbeing) kateh@mrssk.vic.edu.au

Leith Pierce (IB Coordinator) leithp@mrssk.vic.edu.au

Marvin Cramer (Operations and Financial Manager) marvinc@mrssk.vic.edu.au

Sally Singleton (Admin Officer) <u>sallys@mrssk.vic.edu.au</u> – 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.

To advise bus changes email: admin@mrssk.vic.edu.au





Dinner from 6pm Trivia at 7pm



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AusBike- 5-12yr olds Starting Sunday Feb 4th 4-4:45pm Learn to ride and 4:45-5:30pm Skills and safety Program runs Term 1 for 8 weeks, sign up: <u>https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83386/mansfield-mt-buller-cycling-club</u>

Enquiries to liamdelany@gmail.com 0425711412



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The Barwitian Garden Open Garden

Barwite (located 10 mins from Mansfield) Sat 2 - Sun 3 March 2024 Open 10.00am - 4.30pm

35 Fern Street, Barwite Vic 3722 The Barwitian Garden is a natural, wild perennial based garden created by garden designer, Ralph Bristow. It celebrates what plants give to us, the soil and the fauna. Entry \$10 Students \$6 U18 free via Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/CNSOB opengardensvictoria.org.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 <u>linked</u> form to ensure your information is featured correctly. Forms can be returned to sallys@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@fullscaleconstructons.com.au	Green living Accredited. Master Builder Member New homes, extension & renovations, shop fits & commercial projects.
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.

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.
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.
Registered Domestic and Commercial Master	Cronin Construction Company Pty. Ltd.	Lachlan Cronin	0409 796 126	croninconstruction1@bigpond.com	Everything building and construction, including civil contracting
Hire Plant and Equipment	Straight Up Equipment Hire	Lachlan Cronin	0409 796 126	croninconstruction1@bigpond.com	EWP (all terrain scissor lift and knuckle booms) and crane truck hire
Natural Healthcare	Dharma Centre	Michelle Eggenberger Jensen	0482 852 519	www.dharmacentre.com.au	Women's Health, Hormonal Imbalances, Fertility IVF support, Pain, Autoimmune conditions, mental health



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