



Marsden Mail

Term 4 Week 2



Information about Marsden High School news and events

Principal's Report, October 2011

Welcome back to the term where all learning comes together. We wish our year 12 and 10 students the very best for their final exams and welcome year 11 to their HSC year. This is a significant year which is built on perseverance, hard work and dedication. Talent alone will not get you the HSC to fulfill your dreams. Start preparing now year 11. Interviews about your study programs and goals will be taking place with the Deputy Principal, Year Adviser and the Careers Adviser to assist you with your preparations for the HSC.

As the founder of Apple, Steve Jobs said:

"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."

At Marsden we are the yardstick of Quality! Congratulations to all those students who excelled themselves to be dressed proudly in the Marsden uniform and adjusted to the new roll call with ease, arriving promptly and moving to class efficiently. Thank you to all parents for your support in making our students look so presentable, dressed for learning everyday. Well-done!

Congratulations again this week Marsden for your outstanding achievements.

- Ms Sheryn Symons our Careers Adviser and Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning has been awarded a Directors Generals award for excellence in service to public education
- Student leaders will be conducting a think tank on Thursday to create their vision for Marsden. Go the SRC!
- Marsden High was successful in securing the Asia-literate federal grant as the lead lighthouse school with partner primary schools, Ermington, West Ryde and Melrose Park. Go Marsden!
- Erica and Jessica, our amazing Max Potential leaders who continue to build substantial leadership capacity in the community.

I look forward to seeing you at our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 25th October in the Library at 7.30pm, guest Head Teacher this month is the Faculty Leader of PDHPE and Sport, Mr. Andrew King.

Denise Lofts
Principal
Marsden High school.

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[Calendar](#)

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October

17 HSC Exams commence
24-28 Year 8 & 9 exams
31 – 4 November
Year 7 exams

November

1 Year 7 vaccinations
7 School Certificate exams commence
11 HSC exams conclude
22 ESSA exams

December

5-7 Year 8 Taronga Zoo Camp
8 School Certificate awards arrive in school
8 Year 8 Presentation
13 Presentation Day
14 HSC results available
14 Sports assembly
16 IEC Graduation
16 Students last day

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be held on the 25th October at 7.30pm in the library.

This is a great opportunity to hear from our guest speaker, Mr Andrew King Head Teacher PDHPE and from the principal about what is happening in our school.

It also provides a forum for questions. All very welcome.

Dr Karen Walker
P&C President

HSC Information Night

Marsden High School invites all HSC students and their carers to attend an information evening in the school Library at 6:30pm on Tuesday 25th October. This information session is to cover the requirements and expectations of the students and the school for the HSC year.

Absenteeism from School

Students must arrive at school and be in their roll call class by 8.55am.

Parents/Carer may phone or email an explanation to the school email address or students are to bring a note of explanation on the first day of their return to school. This note should be clearly marked with the students name and year and handed to the roll call teacher.

If extended leave is required, a form can be obtained from the Front Office which will need to be completed

and returned. Certain criteria need to be met before this leave can be approved by the Principal.

If for any reason a student is late, they are to report to the front office where a late note is issued. This note is to be taken home to get signed by a parent or guardian, then returned to roll call teacher the next morning.

Any whole day or partial absence without an explanation will result in an unexplained absence being recorded.

If you have any queries regarding this information I am more than happy to discuss it with you.

Kerry Watson
Attendance Officer

YEAR 8 TARONGA ZOO CAMP

Just a friendly reminder that the last payment of \$25 for the Taronga Zoo camp is due Monday 7th November. Alternatively, the entire amount of \$85 can be paid in full to the front office. Any students who have not yet paid for camp but are interested in going, please see Ms. Hsu straight away to obtain a permission note.

Thank you. - Ms. Hsu

Deputy Principal's Report

A warm welcome back to term 4. The start to term is always busy. Students in years 7-10 will be completing their yearly exams. They should be adjusting their normal study timetable to include additional time for revision.

Year eleven students now have one year before they sit their HSC. I will start to meet individually with students from Tuesday 18th October to discuss career goals, exam results, subjects and study techniques. Students will soon sign for and receive their year 12 assessment booklet. It is important that they read this booklet, which outlines rules re missed assessment tasks etc in detail.

It has been really pleasing to see an improvement in the punctuality of our students with the introduction of roll call. Thank you for assisting our young people get to school on time. It is a definite life skill and ensures they maximize their learning time. Uniform is also looking better. Thank you to all of the families who have ensured students are in the correct uniform, in particular those families who have bought black leather, covered shoes.

We are trying to improve communication to families re student absences. This term letters informing families of unexplained student absence will be sent

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out weekly. We apologize if accidentally your letter explaining an absence crosses with ours in the mail. It would be much appreciated if you could contact the school on 98746544 if you know your child is away. Your child should hand in a note by you explaining their absence to their roll call teacher on their return to school.

We wish our year 12 students success in their forthcoming exams.

Best wishes for a very productive term.

Sue Vasilevska

ONLINE STUDY SKILLS FOR MARSDEN STUDENTS AND PARENTS

ONLINE Study SKILLS for MARSDEN STUDENTS and PARENTS. It is great!

Our school has recently subscribed to the ELES Study Skills Handbook. This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns as well as learn new ways to improve students' results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as lots of interactive activities, multimedia experiences and useful resources. To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and **login as a subscriber** with these details:

user name: **marsdenhs**
password: **181results**

Please note, the above user name and password is for the use of the parents and students AT OUR SCHOOL ONLY – please do not pass our school's details onto students or parents from other schools or other individuals or organisations as this is a prosecutable breach of copyright and also will result in frequent password changes for our school. Please also ensure you read through the terms of use the first time you access the handbook. We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through this great online resource."

Denise Lofts

LIBRARY NEWS

This month we have been very busy re arranging the library, culling old books and general straightening up of the resources!! We have also had some great new books on display in the library for everyone to borrow. At present we have a rich display of new non fiction texts that range the spectrum of *Lady Gaga* to *The History of Mathematics*.

If you haven't already seen the display, come in and ponder the workings of the world and borrow a non fiction text.



Non Fiction Display

Mrs Knight and I have many workers that give up their own time to help make our school library a better place. We have a wonderful parent volunteer Diane who generously comes in one afternoon a week. She has been keeping the library shelves looking immaculate. We also have fantastic student volunteers who tirelessly help to make our library the wonderful place it is!!!



Library Monitors: Hassan, Nikhil and Luke.

A big thankyou to all our volunteers
Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian

MATHS RULES

Guten Tag aus dem Mathematik familie!
Coming up next week are the HSC Exams and we wish all our students the very best.

Important dates for all Maths people are:

HSC Exam	Date	Time
Mathematics (2 Unit)	Monday 24 th October	9:25 am – 12:30 pm
Maths Ext 2 (4 Unit)	Monday 24 th October	9:25 am – 12:30 pm
General Mathematics	Tuesday 25 th October	9:25 am – 12:30 pm
Maths Ext 1 (3 Unit)	Wednesday 26 th October	9:25 am – 12:30 pm

The IPT and SDD exams are:

HSC Exam	Date	Time
Information Processes & Technology	Tuesday 18 th October	1:55 pm – 5 pm
Software Design and Development	Thursday 10 th November	1:55 pm – 5 pm

As well, students in year 10:

SC Exam	Date	Time
Mathematics (Year 10)	Tuesday 8 th November	9:25 am – 11:30 am

In addition to these major NSW board exams, students in years 7, 8 and 9 will sit their yearly exams in week 3 onwards. An exam time-table will be given to each student by their year-advisor.

The best way to prepare for any mathematics exam, is to practise examples from the text book and do questions in the relevant exercises from the text book. Also study the classwork done in school and any past tests, exams and worksheets. Students, it is important to check your answers after doing a question to ensure you've understood the content.

Remember, you can come up to the maths staffroom any time, to ask any of the teachers for help with Maths, SDD and IPT.

Maths puzzle for the week

Write a list of fractions which have denominators in the sequence

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...

i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{5}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{7}$ etc...

Find the differences between adjacent pairs of fractions.

Adjacent fractions

Difference

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} = \dots$$

What do you notice about these answers?

We hope you enjoy the puzzle!

More in our next newsletter. Stay cool, for Maths Rules!

From: The Marvellous Maths and IT Faculty at Marsden High.



'Come and try day'....girls cricket with West Ryde Rovers.

Have a girl interested in playing female cricket?

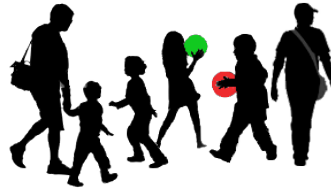
We are encouraging all girls of all abilities to come along and have a bowl and a bat!

Where? Meadowbank Park
When? Saturday 22nd October from 2-4pm

Go to nsgca.nsw.cricket.com.au/ for more information about the all female competition.

The nsgca is the only association that provides a competition solely for junior female cricketers!

Please contact roverscricket@gmail.com for any enquiries.



NATIONAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY PILOT SURVEY

In October/November 2011 a random sample of parents/caregivers and students will be invited to participate in a pilot of a national school opinion survey. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA) in conjunction with selected schools around Australia, including Marsden High School is conducting this pilot.

The primary purpose for conducting this pilot is to better understand what parents and students think about their school and to gauge the possibility of surveying all schools across Australia at a later date.

The results of the pilot survey questions will tell us how our school is progressing and to help us reflect on our programs and practice.

Survey responses are anonymous and will be reported back to the school later this year in a way that cannot identify any individual.

I encourage the randomly selected parents/caregivers and students to participate in the survey and would like to thank you in advance for your participation.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Denise Lofts.