



Marsden Mail



Term 4 Week 6

Information about Marsden High School news and events

It has been another great fortnight at Marsden High. Congratulations to all students who have looked so professional in their uniforms and represent our school community with pride.

Year 10 students have now finished their exams and have begun the senior study program. Students are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the exam period. We eagerly await your results.

Year 12 student's exams concluded last Friday and all are looking forward to the well-earned break in preparation for the next important life journey.

The website has had a system overhaul and looks different. The DEC has added some great features which will improve the usability of the site for communication with parents. <http://www.marsden-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

I am absolutely thrilled with the amazing achievements from Jess and Erica by participating in the outstanding leadership program MAX POTENTIAL. The culmination of all the projects takes place on the 2nd of December. Details of Erica's project are outlined in the newsletter. Congratulations!

We build on our mission *Learning for Life* and we make our decisions around the following broad brushstrokes: Opportunity, Sustainability, Innovation, Creativity, Success and Learning for our students.

Implementation of a proposed NSW Record of School Achievement.

The NSW Board of Studies is seeking your views on the implementation of a proposed NSW Record of School Achievement. This credential will replace the School Certificate previously given to students at the end of Year 10, after they had completed a series of external tests. The School Certificate tests will not be held after 2011. The proposed NSW Record of School Achievement is based on a series of measures supported by key stakeholders and the NSW Government. [To have your say on how the proposed new credential is implemented go to: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/record-school-achievement.html](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/schoolcertificate/record-school-achievement.html)

The M.A.T.E (Marsden Alliance Transition Experiences) program for our upcoming partner primary schools starts this week. Students from Ermington, West Ryde, and Melrose Park will be joining our classes to enjoy the excitement of high school. Students from these schools are looking forward to coming to Marsden High School.

Finally, all the achievements at Marsden in the last 2 weeks again keep us all on our toes. For those students who have been fabulous with their punctual manner to roll call in the morning, well done!

"If you want your dreams to come true, you mustn't oversleep."

Congratulations students and teachers! Keep up the innovation and energy!

Denise Lofts
Principal

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**Our next P&C meeting is on
Tuesday 29th November
in the Library at 7:30pm**

Calendar**November**

22 ESSA exams
29 P&C Meeting

December

5 Year 6-7 Orientation Day 2012
5-6 Year 8 Taronga Zoo Camp
8 School Certificate awards arrive in school
9 Year 7 Presentation
13 Presentation Day
14 HSC results available
14 Sports assembly
16 IEC Graduation
16 Students last day

Year 8 Book Packs

A limited amount of Year 8 book packs are available for sale at \$20.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Volunteers urgently needed! Year 7 orientation day is Monday 5 December and I desperately need some help. You are needed from 9am to approximately 11.30am. If I don't get any help there will be extremely long and slow queues on this day for our new families. Please contact me on 0407 968 453.

A reminder to keep your receipts because effective 1 July 2011 school uniforms maybe tax deductible depending on your financial circumstances. Lost receipts cannot be found easily and a small charge may apply to get copies.

Deborah Blumenfeld

Year 7 - 2012

Orientation Day 5th December for Year 7 2012 students parents and carers 9.30am at the John Hagan school hall – Marsden High School, Winbourne street, West Ryde

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Term 4 – Uniform shop will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.30am – 10.30am with the last day being 15th December 2011.

Term 1 2012 Friday 27th January 9.00am to 12.00 midday

30th Jan – 3rd Feb 2012 8.30am – 10.30am

Students Behaving Safely, Considerately and Responsibly

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Re: Students Behaving Safely, Considerately and Responsibly
Including When Travelling To and From School.

Over the last month we are concerned regarding safety of our students walking through the BP garage on their way home from school. This is very unsafe. Students must use the pathways to get to the bus stops.

Students will not be served at either McDonalds or BP after 8.50am in the mornings, as our students are to arrive to school on time at 8.55am.

Please discuss this with your child and encourage safe and responsible behaviour when travelling to and from school.

English News

Invitation to parents

What: Morning Tea and book covering

When: Thursday 8th December

Time: 9.30-11

The English /ESL/Drama department would love you to join us for a morning of chatting, coffee and morning tea while we cover all our new novels and plays.

RSVP: Through the office 98746544 by 6.12.11
Hope to meet you then.

N Graham
HT English

Year 8 Presentation Day

Just another reminder that the Year 8 Presentation Day to be held on 9th December **is cancelled**. There has been a clash with dates and award recipients will be congratulated on their efforts on 13th December during Marsden High Presentation Day.

My apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Ms. Hsu

Year 8 Taronga Zoo Camp

Just a friendly reminder that payments for Taronga Zoo camp was due **Monday 7th November** (total \$85). Students were also given a form with pre-ordered lunch preferences. These choices with the payments need to go to the front office by 21st November. If the meal preferences are not received by 21st November, then it is assumed that your child will buy their lunch from the Zoo facilities, or they will bring their own.

If your child can no longer attend the camp due to unforeseen circumstances, please address it in writing to Ms. Hsu for a possible refund.

Thank you.
Ms. Hsu

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

On the 29th November 55 Marsden High Students have volunteered to join 6 teachers to remove litter from Marley Beach in the Royal National Park. The students will need to bring their own food and water for the day AND PROTECTION FROM THE SUN . Transport is provided. We will walk each way for an hour from Bundeena to Marley Beach where we will rendezvous with the garbage FOR 3 HOURS, package it and deliver it to a pre-arranged point that the NPWS have arranged.

Mr Lloyd

LIBRARY NEWS

Over the last two weeks we have busy culling the collection and ensuring all the old information books, which have been gathering dust for years, are no longer taking up precious space. Don't worry they all go to good homes with teachers having the first pick! I was pleased to see that all our great Halloween bookmarks were taken and we got some great feedback! We feel encouraged to make more bookmarks to celebrate other special occasions. Our book review wall that Ursula created is getting a lot of response! Here are some of the book reviews we have so far including one from Ms Knight! Read a book and bring your review to the library and it will be published on our wall and in the newsletter.

Book Reviews:

Picnic at Hanging Rock

By Joan Lindsay

This book is on school girl's way back in the 1900's who go missing on a picnic, at hanging rock. No one knows what happened to the girls that went to apple yard collage the mystery lies, but the author of the book said it is up to you to decide if this book it fiction or not.

Rating 10/10.

Review written by Ursula

The Swan Kingdom

By Zoe Marriot

A thrilling book if you're into magic and major problems that you can work out. This girl Alexandra thinks something is wrong with a new woman in her dad's life. Read the book to find out if she is evil or not.

Rating of this book is 6/10.

By Ursula

I Lost My Phone at the Mall

By Wendy Harmer

If you are a person who can't live without their phone, you would easily understand this book. But if you can still find this a humorous teenage book!

It all starts when a main character Elly, goes to the mall with her best friend Bianca and leaves her bag somewhere on the way, at the mall or on the way back. She tries to track down the events through her head and hopefully tries to find her bag and mobile.

The ways of exaggeration and sarcasm in this book make it a more realistic and funny. The journal entries the book is made up of is mostly about the hours pass by since she lost her phone, a bit more about what happened and her friends and family that surrounded her.

She spends branches and branches of her life instantly relate back soon after.

I would recommend this book to an adolescent or mid-teenage girl. This is only because older ages might not enjoy it much, and understand Elly better than boys would.

Overall I would give this book a 6.5/10.

By Sarah

THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE

Ahn Do

After reading Ahn's story I felt lucky not to have experienced any of his experiences. He and his family experienced extreme hardship as they made their way from Vietnam to Australia. Once in our lucky country Ahn dealt with poverty and racism and through sheer hard work and persistence during his school and

university years, Ahn has become one of Australia's best known comedians' and personalities. Whilst overcoming adversity he finally won the love of his life and is now a successful Australian, devoted husband and family man.

A good read

4/5 star rating

Linda Knight

Library Assistant

Thankyou everyone who contributed

Ms Langelaar
Teacher Librarian

WATCH THIS SPACE! / MURALS ON A MISSION

Erica is a Year 12 student at Marsden High and School Captain for 2012. Erica is partnering with the City of Ryde and the Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network to work on producing 4 murals on hoarding that will be displayed in the local West Ryde area. The murals themselves, while themed around crime prevention, will be a combination of Erica's vision under the guidance of professional artists, creatively assisted by local high school students from Oasis's Youth Connections Group.

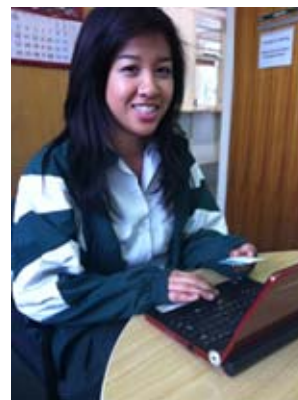
Erica's community service project is a part of the Club 6 Max Potential Program. Max Potential, a 22 week program that pairs up students from local schools with business leaders from local clubs. *"At first I was unsure about what this program was about but after seeing what Max Potential has offered to my life, personal leadership skills, confidence, time management and witnessing the change throughout all areas of my life, I'm so grateful to have been a part of this opportunity of a lifetime."*

Jo Luke of Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club and Erica's coach said; *"Essentially Max Potential connects community leaders with emerging young leaders to assist them to reach their maximum potential. This is achieved largely through work on a community service project. I'm thrilled to be involved in something so community minded."*

This community service project brings together local youth to not just raise community awareness about crime in our area, but to lend some visual and artistic enrichment to the West Ryde area and to provide an opportunity for that

youth to own and contribute something meaningful.

While initial meetings for the planning stages have already been held; the first workshop & official launch of the project will be in the week of the 31st of October with the City Of Ryde, The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network, Erica S. & the two artist. *"We're really excited to get things underway... we aim to have the project completed by early December."* Erica commented.



While the exact location for the murals is yet to be determined, this project holds a lot of promise in making West Ryde not just a safer environment, but a place where the artistic talents of local youth can be on display for the whole community.

Marsden High Schools Principal, Ms Denise Lofts said *"I was very excited to learn about Erica's community service project, not just for Erica but for the whole Marsden High community. A project of this magnitude will not only allow Erica to develop her personal and positional leadership skills, but will give other students the opportunity to express themselves creatively and give something to the West Ryde community that will undoubtedly change the perceptions of how the wider community views youth"*.

Erica mentioned her appreciation & excitement for the coming months. *"I'm really honoured to be a part of Max Potential and so thankful for the opportunity that Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Clubs has provided through their sponsorship. The next couple months are going to be so fun & worthwhile! I really hope that the community will be able to enjoy the hoardings we create."*

ONLINE STUDY SKILLS FOR MARSDEN STUDENTS AND PARENTS

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR NOVEMBER: STEPS TO SUCCESS

The following is adapted from the 'Becoming a Senior Student' unit on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au but is suitable for students at all levels.

Our school's subscription details to this site are -
Our school's user name is: marsdenhs
Our school's password is: 181results

(Make sure you check out the new HIGHLIGHTS link on the main page with direct links to all the key content on the site).

Moving Your Results to the Next Level

Level 1:

It is pretty hard to get decent marks if you aren't doing at least the three 'E's on Level 1:

- ENROLMENT: coming to school every day, attending every lesson.
- EQUIPMENT: coming to class with textbooks, writing paper, pens.
- ENGAGEMENT: working in the classroom, trying your best, doing what you are asked to do.

Level 2:

Got the basics under control and ready to move your results to this next level?

Then this is what you need to do next:

- COMPLETING SET HOMEWORK: Your teachers are giving you this work for a reason! To help you understand the subject better. It makes sense to put a bit of effort in to do this work.
- PARTICIPATING IN CLASS / ASKING FOR HELP: By participating it helps you understand better in class which means less work to do at home. It is also important to ask for help from your teachers if you do not understand something.
- HOME STUDY ENVIRONMENT / ORGANISING RESOURCES: It is important you can find everything you need when you need it. Consider how you have set up your workspace, how you manage all the paper and all of the digital resources you receive in the senior years.

Level 3:

Now that you have got things set up, time to make your life easier, and your study more effective, with the techniques on this next level.

- PREPARING FOR ASSESSMENTS: Use a Term Planner or Term Calendar so you can clearly see when assessments are due. Use a Diary to help plan for assessments - make a plan of work and keep track of what you have done.
- WORKING EFFICIENTLY AT HOME: Working in half hour blocks with no distractions. Making a study plan or study timetable. Making a plan each afternoon before you leave school. Using software such as 'Self-Control' and 'Freedom'. Separating school work and personal time. Allocating set times to schoolwork.
- USING THE 1,2,3 STUDY METHOD: Avoid just reading your notes over and over. Avoid leaving study until the last minute. Instead, this is how you study in the senior years:
 1. MAKE STUDY NOTES
 2. LEARN THE NOTES BY TESTING YOURSELF ON THEM
 3. DO LOTS OF QUESTIONS TO PRACTISE YOUR SKILLS.

Level 4:

So you have decided to go all out and aim for great marks. Well done you! The nice thing about school is that it rewards hard work and effort, you don't have to be a genius, you just have to get stuck into it. If you are ready to move your results to the next level, here are your next steps.

- MAKING STUDY NOTES EARLY: Don't wait until exam time. Make your study notes as you go, often at the end of a topic or section or every few weeks. File away your study notes when complete so they are ready for exams. Try advanced forms of note-making.
- USING A WIDE VARIETY OF STUDY TECHNIQUES: The more different ways you interact with the information you are trying to learn the better chance you have of retaining this info. Explore which study techniques are most suited to your style of learning.
- AIM FOR 2-3 HOURS OF SCHOOLWORK PER NIGHT (FOR SENIORS):

Do homework first.
 Then work on assessments.
 If you still have time, continue with work on study notes.
 If notes are up-to-date, think what else you could do to improve your understanding of the subject, study guides, practice papers, revision books, practice essays.

Learn more about all these topics by working through the units of work on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

MobilePhones and charging apparatus for recycling!

Mobile muster is here!
 AS from the 24th October a collection box was placed in the Library of the school.
 Don't throw precious materials into land fill, extracting precious materials from these discarded toys is cost effective and energy efficient. Send them to the recycler.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR
STEWART HOUSE
THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 2011
6.30PM

AT THE **RYDE-EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB**

117 Rydedale Road, West Ryde, a short walk from West Ryde Railway Station

Two-course buffet dinner
 RMTA Life Membership Awards to Suzann Naphthali and Kevin Channells
 Guest speaker, Dr Jack Munday
\$50 for NSWTF Members
\$60 for Friends and Guests
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YEAR 10

Yr.10 students are expected to attend school till the 16th December but we have organised a program to develop their skills for undertaking Yr. 11 work. Some students may apply for Work Experience or volunteering by seeing Ms. Hart in the Career office and complete the paperwork.

Week	Date	Periods				
		1	2	3	4	5
6B	14/11/11	English Skills for Senior Students	His/Geog/PE Geog 3 do All my own work	Forensic Science	X Electives	Maths for Seniors
	15/11/11	X Electives	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE Geog 4 do All my own work	Maths for Seniors	
	16/11/11	English Skills for Senior Students	X Electives	Y Electives	Maths for Seniors	His/Geog/PE Geog 1 do All my own work
	17/11/11	English Skills for Senior Students	Maths for Seniors	SPORT		Y Electives
	18/11/11	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE His 2 do All my own work	His/Geog/PE	English Skills for Senior Students	Forensic Science
7A	21/11/11	Forensic Science	X Electives	English Skills for Senior Students	His/Geog/PE	His/Geog/PE
	22/11/11	English Skills for Senior Students	Forensic Science	His/Geog/PE	Maths for Seniors	
	23/11/11	X Electives	English Skills for Senior Students	His/Geog/PE	Maths for Seniors	Forensic Science
	24/11/11	SPORT		Forensic Science	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE
	25/11/11	Maths for Seniors	X Electives	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE	Forensic Science

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8B	28/11/11	English Skills for Senior Students	His/Geog/PE	Forensic Science	X Electives	Maths for seniors
	29/11/11	X Electives	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE	Maths for Seniors	
	30/11/11	English Skills for Senior Students	X Electives	Y Electives	Maths for Seniors	His/Geog/PE
	1/12/11	English Skills for Senior Students	Maths for Seniors	SPORT		Y Electives
	2/12/11	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE	His/Geog/PE	English Skills for Senior Students	Forensic Science
9A	5/12/11	Forensic Science	X Electives	English Skills for Senior Students	His/Geog/PE	His/Geog/PE
	6/12/11	English Skills for Senior Students	Forensic Science	His/Geog/PE	Maths for Seniors	
	7/12/11	X Electives	English Skills for Senior Students	His/Geog/PE	Maths for Seniors	Forensic Science
	8/12/11	SPORT		Forensic Science	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE
	9/12/11	Maths for Seniors	X Electives	Y Electives	His/Geog/PE	Forensic Science
10B	12/12/11	Yr. 10 GRADUATION				
	13/12/12 – 16/12/11	Individual student meetings by appointment to discuss pathways in Senior School				

Students continue with their electives and Sport. In Geography, students will perfect their skills and undertake a special interest project, while History students will solve History mysteries and there will be a 1960's day