

Marsden Mail

August 2011

Information about Marsden High School news and events

'High Achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation' Charles Kettering

As the leading learner at Marsden High School, I expect all my students to achieve what they dream, through hard work and consistent effort.

This term we should take time to look at where we are and re-align our progress. It is the term for evaluation. It is where we evaluate our progress in learning and make defined, clever strategies to ensure improvements in learning toward the 'end of year' assessments and exams. Have you set your sails Marsden students?

I was reminded this week about our 'Young Australian of the Year' Jessica Watson and her amazing achievement as the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted around the world at 16years old. There are 3 distinct elements to her achievements. Firstly, Jessica had dreamt about circumnavigating the world since she could remember, secondly she went about fulfilling that dream with dedication, persistence and lots of hard work. Lastly, she defied criticism, survived numerous knockdowns in some of the most challenging of seas any sailor would encounter. I am filled with admiration for Jessica.

The remarkable part of Jessica's achievement is that she achieved what she believed. "You don't have to be anyone special to achieve your dream, you just have to believe in it and work hard". Wise words from an amazing young person. We can only be inspired by Jessica and her achievements. Jessica certainly inspires me.

At Marsden High we are about achieving our dreams, through hard work, dedication and perseverance.

Marsden High Students and teachers are outstanding.

I often get letters of praise about the wonderful work that students and teachers are doing. This month was no exception. Here are 2 letters that I have received about our wonderful students and staff.

Dear Principal, Your Year 12 Chemistry students were involved in a day at UWS Parramatta in the last week. As a result, the UWS staff was most impressed (as I was) with the level of enthusiasm and participation that students showed during the day - it is a credit to your school and the staff that accompanied them. I hope they enjoyed the day as much as we did. Please pass on my congratulations and thanks from myself and the Academics and Technical Manager of UWS Parramatta.

Kind Regards, Science Project Officer, Lachlan Macquarie College

And another letter about our wonderful teachers and support staff, today it is Mr. Bastian. Dear Principal and Mr. Bastian,

On behalf of the NSW Department of Education and Communities School Sport Unit, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for presenting at the highly successful Basketball Level 1 Coaching Accreditation workshop, at Menai Basketball Stadium. Your basketball and teaching skills and knowledge, together with your easy going personality, were well received by the participants and assisted in achieving the intended outcomes of the day, that being, up skilling staff in basketball activities to a Level 1 standard, which will ensure that they can confidently and competently conduct and coach basketball back at school. This is another step in our continual endeavour to improve school sport. It was a great day for all involved, and there was a lot of positive feedback. Again, sincere thanks for your support of the development of sport in NSW public schools. I look forward to working with you again soon.

Kind regards, School Sport Unit.

A for Achievement: Mock Trial is going great!

Marsden High's Mock Trial team competed against Santa Sabina College here in the school library.

The team consisted of: Jessica Jandzio, Yusuf Aknar, Naomi Sommers, Erica Sufani, Cameron Ding-Farrington, and Shikha Nanda.

The team not only defeated Santa Sabina on points, but was also successful at proving their case. It is our first win and one well deserved. These students need to be congratulated and deserve a huge pat on the back for their outstanding commitment. Our star witnesses had a two page document to learn, which was memorised word for word, and gave evidence without the cheat sheet used by the opposing team (as permitted by the law society). Quite an effort considering the role of a witness is a nerve wracking one. Well done Ms. Taylor and Ms. Fevzi and students.

Opportunity to achieve is endless at Marsden High.

In finishing, I want to remind all students and parents about the opportunities that exist for you to build your dream. These are just a few of the opportunities that are being offered to students this month.

- Ski Trip to Thredbo
- · Red Cross Blood Bank
- Homework Club Tuesday afternoons in the Library 2:15 to 3:30pm.
- · Ancient History students adventure to Melbourne to see Tutankhamen.
- · Ryde Musical Eisteddfod.
- Year 8 (6pm) and Year 10 (7pm) Market Night for Subject selections.
- Year 11 & 12 Trip to Nan Tien Temple Wollongong
- · Gifted Creative Writing Group.
- Mock Trial
- Student Representative Council, Student leadership, Jeans for Genes Day and Environment Team.
- · Duke Of Edinburgh.

"Learning for Life" 생활 동안 배우기 is our Motto within a CARE environment.

Mrs D Lofts Principal Marsden High School



Duke of Ed. Bronze Awardees with Mr. Lloyd and Ms. Campbell



Our New Year 7 Student Representative Council Representatives and Ms. Lofts

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Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 30 August in the Library at 7:30pm

Calendar

August

1-3 Ski Trip

2 Parent/Teacher Night (Y7-11)

8 Ryde Eisteddfod - Instrumental

9 Yr 7 Vaccinations

Careers night/subject selection (Yr

8 & 10)

Ryde Eisteddfod - Instrumental

16-17 Yr 12 studies of religion – Nantien Temple

30 P&C Meeting

September

7-9 Yr 9 Camp

15 Yr 7 Gala Day

22 Yr 12 Graduation

Yr 9 Elective History and Yr 11 Ancient History Tutankhamen Trip

UNIFORM SHOP

Blazers will be available for order in September and will sell for \$150.00. A \$50.00 deposit is required at the time of ordering. Students will be notified over the announcement system of fitting times.

As of 1st July 2011 some families may be able to make a tax claim on school uniforms. Lost receipts are difficult to replace. Books are not kept on the premises and there is no guarantees copies can be found.

Keep your receipts!

Deborah Blumenfeld Uniform Shop Manager

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Resilience. How resilient are we? This characteristic is vitally important for all of us as we go through our lives. Have you watched the reality programs – Amazing race, Survivor, The Block or my favourite-Masterchef? Yes, all these people are competing for rewards but along the way all the participants are demonstrating

persistence, engagement and resilience. I have seen the cooks burn and cut their hands but still they complete their dish. This term Yr. 12 students face their last hurdle before the HSC, their trials, starting 1st August. They will have to set their goals, design a study program and follow their plan. This is not going to be easy. Keeping upto date on Facebook, playing computer games and just socialising will be constant distractions unless the students are focussed and remember their long term goal. Feeling discouraged is not unusual but overcoming this is resilience. Students must keep practicing essays and giving them to their teachers to correct so they can improve their exam technique. There are many resources online including TaLe (www.tale.edu.au). This site can be accessed by parents and students and has links to a vast number of educational sites e.g. 10 tips to write a good essay.

Students received their timetables but it also on our school website. The exams run from 1st August till 15th August. Any student who misses an exam will have to provide a medical certificate immediately on their attendance at school for the next exam.

Parent –teacher night was on 2nd August and for the first time, Yr. 7 & 8 parents received reports on the night. If parents were unable to attend they can ring and make an appointment with the Year Advisor and Deputy to discuss the report.

We are in the second semester and it is important that parents or guardians organise a meeting with the school to design a payment plan for fees. This money helps us resource the school and by having a payment plan parents can avoid last minute headaches. We understand that money is tight and we do all we can to support parents who are in financial difficulties. Our P&C does a remarkable job in supporting us and we could not have bought our wonderful Smart boards without their financial help.

Margaret Paczkowski

Introducing Mr Simon Fowler – Head Teacher TAS and Creative Arts

Academic Qualifications & Institution: Tertiary Qualifications and Institutions:

Bachelor of Arts Visual Arts College of Fine Arts New South Wales University 1987

Bachelor of Education New South Wales University 1989

Certificate of Industrial Technology in Education Sydney University 1999

Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training

TAFE South Western Sydney Institute 2004

Certificate of Construction: General Industry Curriculum Framework NSW Department of Education and Training 2006

Teaching experience (courses, years, schools):

I have successfully been teaching Industrial Technology subjects for the past 11 years (2000 to 2011) at Casula High School from years 7 to year 12. The subjects I have taught are: Technology Mandatory, Timber Technology, Metal Technology, Graphics, Electronics, VET Construction, Industrial Technology Timber Products and Furniture Technologies, IST and Visual Arts.

Other employment experiences (what, where, how does the duties relate to/compliment 'teaching'):

Before I started my teaching career, I have worked in the Australian film industry in the Props Department. I have worked at the Arts and Applied Sciences Museum as an Education officer and I have worked in the Australian Museum as an Exhibitions Officer and worked at The Historic Houses Trust at the Museum of Sydney as a Museum Guide. All these varied work experience

has given me a greater depth of knowledge and understanding in different industry practices, which has benefited me as a Technology Teacher.

Current teaching load at Marsden (courses, years):

I teach Timber Technology Year 9 and Year 10 and Industrial Technology Year 11 Timber products and Timber Technologies

Other responsibilities at Marsden (faculty-based, extra-curricular):

As Head Teacher of TAS and Creative Arts. The faculties included in TAS are Industrial Technology, Food Technology and Textile Technology, Visual Arts and Music

Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement:

I have a commitment to the concept of the school as a safe learning community, which is characterised by a culture of continuous improvement, experimentation and ongoing search for better practices and sharing of ideas and constant critical reflection and evaluation. I believe educational programs should be relevant and challenging for all students.

First impressions about Marsden – (the students, the staff, the parents, the educational programs, the learning environment):

My first impression of Marsden High School is a very calm school and as you walk through those front gates for the very first time you get a good feeling about the school. The students are friendly and the staff are positive, warm, friendly and very professional. Marsden High School has excellent and exciting educational programs and facilities to cater for all students learning needs.



Work Experience for Year 10

The students who organised work experience had a wonderful week and I had a smile on my face all week as I visited as many students as possible. What a chance to be part of a working office/factory/company and to perhaps be offered a part time job or to be able to find out about a particular area of employment. A big THANKS to the parents who supported their children during this week in many ways.

On my travels from Parramatta to Gladesville, Alexandria to the City and many places in between I was able to talk with employers and students.

Below are a few snapshots of some of the students I managed to visit.



Daniel enjoyed his week at Ermington Vet



Ruby showed great interest and was very helpful at Public school.



Bibi made a great impression at Woolworths in Auburn.



Macsen was a great asset at Rebel Sport at Auburn.



Danny put 'hundreds' of security checks on goods at Target!



Javad and Aaron were valued workers at Woolworths in Parramatta



Karli found out about film processing and sales at Georges Cameras in the city.



Alice spent her week at Gladesville Vet Surgery and learnt how to care for animals of all types and with many illnesses.

Iman found out about hair and beauty salons, what they do and how they operate.





Yosef was much appreciated for his hard work at Lowes in the city.



Gala made a fashion statement working for Carla Zampatti Design



Guiliano found out about warehousing and distribution in Alexandria.



Alecia was not only able to observe various treatments but was also indulged by having her hair treated as was Kristy (below)





Asif worked hard stocking shelves.



Omid was lucky to find out about motor vehicle repair



Ogai found primary school teaching very enjoyable.

Year 11 Biology Report Excursion

Year 11 biology classes attended a very enriching excursion to Sydney University on June 22nd. As biologists, we learnt about the history of cells, explored the different functions of cells and looked through different types of microscopes to view particular aspects of the cell such as a nucleolus, vacuoles and chloroplasts. The microscopes used were the TEM (Transmission Electron Microscopes) and the SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope) - million dollar equipment that allowed us to view a cell with amazing resolution and very strong magnification. Some students were even lucky enough to use the microscopes!

After our tour of the labs, we headed over to the Museums of Sydney University where a guide took us around explaining the diversity of the Australian fauna. While there, the classes were able to see interesting aspects of evolution and famous hoaxes made in history.

Jessica Jandzio Year 11 Biology





Buckley Shield Rugby League

Marsden HS entered a team in The Buckley Shield Rugby League tournament which is a knockout competition provided for schoolboys under 14 years of age. Marsden HS managed to progress pass the first round because Asquith Boys HS forfeited the match.

In the second round Marsden HS played Cherrybrook Technology HS on our school grounds and finished the game strongly to secure a 20-16 victory. In that match

James Yang and Daniel Van Ostayen scored vital tries in the latter part of the game to get Marsden HS in front and then the team defended strongly until the fulltime whistle.

After two victories, Marsden HS progressed in the 16 team zone competition and played Hunter's Hill HS away in a crucial semi-final match. Throughout most of the game Marsden HS (with little ball or field position) were struggling to keep in touch with their opponents. However, to their credit the side produced a strong finish to score three consecutive tries and thus win 22-20. In this match vital tries by Matthew Gordon, Axel Cahlin & Daniel Van Ostayen late in the game and some strong team defence in the dying stages of the match were significant to the outcome.

Following 3 victories Marsden HS progressed to be hosted by Pittwater HS in The Grand-Final of the competition. Full of enthusiasm Marsden started the match competitively but as weight of possession and field position became too much conceded two late tries in the first-half to be down 22-0 at the break. Then, as the game continued a lack of personnel and teeming rain made the task too hard and Marsden were soundly beaten 52-0.

Overall, it must be said that the team performed consistently well to reach the final match of the competition and will benefit from the experience. Further, I (as the coach) and the school are proud of their achievements in this inter-school competition.

Thank you. Mr Gates (PDHPE)

Year 12 Update

It has been very pleasing to hear wonderful reports about our Yr 12 group over the past few months. They are all developing into fine young adults, many of whom have displayed excellent maturity and leadership in their final year. As we approach the end of their secondary

education, I wish all students and their HSC support networks (families) the very best over the next few months. The HSC is definitely a team effort, incorporating students, teachers, families and other resources, in order to achieve personal best.

Yr 12 Trial Exams

Trial exams are generally the final inschool assessment tasks prior to the external HSC exams. This is therefore the last chance many students will have to cement their Assessment Rank in relation to their peers and achieve at their best—remember the Assessment Mark, as sent in by the school to the Board of Studies, makes up 50% of their final HSC result in each course, so it is extremely important that students achieve at their very best during the Trial Exam period.

Attendance

Some Yr 12 students have been falling behind in their attendance jeopardising their progress in HSC courses. Please be reminded that you must attend every day of Term 3, until Graduation, in order to ensure that you are meeting the Board of Studies requirements and to maximise your revision and study time.

Fundraising

A big thank you to the following students who have contributed their time and efforts in assisting with a Cadbury fundraising effort. The fundraising money will contribute towards a large digital screen for the Front office.

Monique Blowes
Jessy Coulson
Tara Cramp
Melanie Guiroyan
Tess Maclean
Sean Madeley
Brendan Morris
Sameem Nawabi
Maryam Nejad Esfahani
Mata Nisa
Chrisstal Palmer
Tanawat Seethiang
Katie Seward
Victoria Sharma
Brooke Shepherd

Kate Surian Nathan Wareham Jacob Williams Chantelle Zerf Natasha Zerf

Yr 12 Graduation Assembly

The **final school event** for Yr 12 will be their Graduation Assembly. Please place Thursday 22nd September (week 10) in your diaries now as we hope **all parents and other family members** will be able to attend to join with the school community in acknowledging the achievements of all of our Yr 12 students.

Regards Ms Laryssa Bernyk Year 12 Advisor

Pyramid Series 4 Airing dates

Please see below the correct dates for your schools on air appearance.

Thank you so much to the students and teachers of Marsden High School for being a part of Pyramid series 4. I'm happy to be sending you the list of dates your episodes will be airing on **Channel 9** at **4pm**.

5th October 2011 Blake Schubach Ali Hassanzadeh Kristen Easter Emma Connolly

27th October 2011 Harry Darwand Henry Morton Lizzie Dunn Jess Fuchs

22nd September 2011 Ashley Blowes Christine Plummer Jess Paine Trish Kapotra

21st November 2011 Riva Shirol Refaat Matar Robert Ewings Sally Dang 27th September 2011 Radwan Dandan Miran Kadir Kirsten Mann Jessie Wu

15th September 2011 Kieran Morris Skyler Williams Sarah Amin Amelia Woolcott

Please make sure you forward these dates onto the kids so they are guaranteed to see their episode, and please remind them to not forget to press record!

Please note that prizes for the contestants will be sent to the school clearly labelled, up to 8 weeks after the air date.





CLAYMATION for Gifted and Talented Visual Arts Students



During the school holidays on the 11th of July, Trishali Kapotra, Henry Morton, Elizabeth Dunn, Christine Plummer, Fiona Yu and Finn Lloyd (Mr. Lloyd's son) attended a claymation workshop at the new Top Ryde Library. Mrs Woodland kindly took the time to organise, attend and help us. The library discounted the price from thirty five dollars to fifteen dollars. It took us six hours to complete the short animation as claymation is a time-intensive task. We moved clay models a little bit then took a picture moved it another little bit took another picture and then repeated the process and put the pictures together. That is what created the film. It was lots of working together to create an interesting piece. We then edited it and took out the bad shots and then later added music and sound effects. At the end of the day we received a copy of the movie and we were all pleased with the end result.

By Elizabeth Dunn & Trishali Kapotra





Coles Sports for Schools

This year we want to give even more sports gear to our Aussie schools so encourage your students to collect vouchers from all their family and friends. The more vouchers your school collects, the more sports gear your school will receive!

Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school's community will earn one voucher for every \$10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay store from August 11th thru to October 18th, just for doing their regular shop!

Plus throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with our special promotional offers on selected products. So keep an eye out instore, online and on TV.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year.

From now until September 18th 2011, you can earn one Earn & Learn point for our school for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets).

Points automatically appear on your shopping dockets, so all you need to do is bring those dockets to school

The more points you bring in, the more we can redeem from a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Help Woolies to help our school. Collect as many Earn & Learn points as you can!

Brooke Shepherd's experiences at the Lithgow Return Camp

Arriving at Lithgow TAFE felt a little odd. New people and no one I knew came with me. I found myself challenging myself with trying to be more confident and approach the other students and make friends. I was the only student from a city situated area, as the other students were mostly all from the country type landscapes and small towns. They used language and slang I had never heard of before. Being the only city-slicker was not easy however the other 16 students were amazingly friendly, comforting and help me advance myself and others throughout the 10 days.

We did a variety of different activities, encouraging each other to keep going. We did indoor rock climbing, bush walking around the 3 sisters, abseiling and skiing. We would divide into pairs and groups of 3 or 4 to rock climb, belay, and 2nd belay as a safety line. The instructors helped us to abseil, teaching us safety precautions and the how to's.

The bush walking around the 3 Sisters track took what felt like forever however I had to stay optimistic as a new friend Katie and I were the leaders for that day. Believe me it was not easy...for me anyway...

The 6 – 7 hour drive from Lithgow to Jindabyne had extraordinary views from the window. The landscape was so beautiful, like nothing I'd ever seen before. I was left feeling the appreciation of being there as all I usually see is buildings out my window and the other students were unthrilled and unphased by it. Occasionally stopping for driver changes, toilet runs, making our lunch and snacks at the petrol stations, as you do, you dash for the munchies and lollies and soft drink...

Soon enough the skiing section came round and everyone was quite excited. Because of weather warnings we did not actually manage to set up camp in the snow. But the ski expeditions and day trips

we did however were full of laughs, snow ball fights and learning curves. Unfortunately 1 of the students hurt her knee and we put into play our warm worm, to keep her from hypothermia. She came through and stayed strong for the rest of our camp days, which were numbered.

But to my delight it snowed the last night and waking up to open your tent and finding yourself covered in snow that falls off your tent onto your head.

"So Much Snow!!!" our most popular catch phrase, because of the snow being thrown in our faces and falling on our faces. It was so cold on some nights that I decided to be smart and walk around in my sleeping bag as soon as we got back to the base camp. Others later decided to do the same.

The drive back however felt significantly shorter, cruising to music and along the way the sad good-byes for 3 students that lived near the area and had their parents pick them up. The rest of us headed back to Lithgow for the cleanup. I got the job of cleaning the bus with people telling me how to do something even though I knew what I was doing.

As each new friend said good-bye we realised our time was up and we had to head home. I made new friends that will stay in my memory forever, had amazing experiences and confidence within me.

I hope others will go on this camp like I did, trust me it's an amazing experience.



LIBRARY NEWS

There is a lot happening in our school Library this month with the Book Week and the start of our volunteer program for Library Monitors.

Book Week

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia, celebrating its 65th birthday in 2010.

The date for Book Week 2011 this year is **August 20th - 26th**.

The theme in 2011 is... One World, Many Stories.

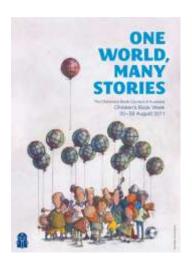
We will be running two important events, with one I am hoping Parents, Grandparents or family friends may be able to help with.

Writing Workshop:

We need the help of any published Authors!!!

Do you know of any authors that would give up a few hours of their day during Book Week to hold a workshop on writing? Maybe you have a distant Uncle or Aunt that you could call to come to Marsden Library and share their expertise.

If you do and they can come to Marsden during Book Week please contact me (Ms Langelaar) as soon as possible. We are looking into hiring a published author but it is always surprising what talented people we have in our school community.



Writing Competition:

We are holding a writing competition using the theme of 'One World, Many Stories'. Ms Giddings and I will select a winner from each year and their stories will be published in the next newsletter. They will also receive a book prize, of their choice, from the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year shortlist and/or a selection from the notables. Please see Ms Giddings in the English staffroom or myself in the Library for details.

<u>Children's Book Council of Australia</u> (CBCA):

The CBA book of the year shortlist and a selection of notables_have been purchased and will be on display during Book Week. They will also be available for loan. These will include:

Author Title

Crowley, Cath Graffiti Moon

Hartnett, Sonya *The Midnight Zoo*

Horniman, Joanne About a Girl

MacLeod, Doug

The Life of a Teenage

Body-Snatcher

Marchetta, Melina The Piper's Son

Wood, Fiona Six Impossible Things

<u>Library Volunteers Needed</u> Student Volunteers:

Have you ever wanted to be a library monitor?

Have you ever wanted to know the workings of a library?

Do you want to gain excellent work experience and skills?

Do you want to be an active member of the Marsden High School Community?

Are you in year 9 or 10 and would like to take part in the Premier's Volunteering Challenge? Library Monitors qualify as school community volunteers.

Don't worry if you are not sure of what to do come along to our first meetings on Tuesday August 2 and the following Tuesday August 9 at recess and all will be revealed.

I am looking forward to seeing you in your library and working with you, so get involved!!!

Parent Volunteers:

Hello Parents!! Can you spare a few hours in the morning or afternoon once a fortnight?

Our school library needs you! If you are able to help out with covering books and/or shelving we would love to see you. You will be rewarded with a cup of tea/coffee and some biscuits!

Contact the library on 9874 6544 Ext 17 if you are interested.

Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian

Subject Selection Night at Marsden 2011

Tuesday, 9th August

Subject Selections for our Year 8 and Year 10 students are approaching fast. On the 9th of August, there will be a special Subject Selection night held at Marsden to aid the students and their parents in their choices.

6:00-6:45pm

- Year 8 parents and students arrive and go to the Common room to receive important information.
- Subject selection booklets handed out on arrival.

- Welcome by Ms. Lofts.
- Explanation of the nature of subject selections by Ms. Hart.
- Explanation of the process by Mr. Tari.

6:45pm

- Year 8 parents and students go to the Hall for Market night and marvel at the wonders of modern education!
- Students and parents further investigate what subjects to choose and ask relative questions of teachers.

7:00pm

- Year 10 parents and students arrive and are 'ushered' to the Common Room.
- Subject selection booklets are handed out on arrival.
- Ms. Lofts welcomes parent and students.
- Ms. Hart explains HSC, ATAR, Units, etc.
- Mr. Tari explains process with demonstration.
- TAFE representative talks about TAFE courses.

7:45pm

- Year 10 parents and students proceed to the hall and are dazzled by the helpful, creative and informative teachers and their 'stalls'.
- Students and parents glean even more information from subject teachers.

HOMEWORK CLUB

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Young Life Study Camp 2011 HSC

You could...

- 1. Procrastinate and get nothing done
- 2. Stress out
- Have an awesome week at the beach near Port Macquarie, do heaps of work and get into a great rhythm for the rest of your study!

25th -30th September www.younglife.org.au

FREE SEMINAR "PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"

for parents/supervising drivers and their young drivers, organised by the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee will be held on:

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2011 at: 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm – short break at 7.30 pm and finish at 8.30 pm Level 3, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE – OFF DUMARESQ STREET – take lift to Level 3] Light Refreshments available

We do encourage parents/supervising drivers together with their young drivers to attend as it means they are both starting from the same communication point.

A Reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist

our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.



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National Science Week (13 – 21 August 2011) is fast approaching and one of the highlights of this year's program is Fact or Fiction.

Fact or Fiction is a 90 minute show where the audience watch clips of classic sci-fi hits before individually voting, with hand held devices, on whether the technology featured is actual science fact or pure science fiction.

Fact or Fiction has been designed to be highly entertaining and educational and attract kids that aren't necessarily interested in science by providing them with a big dose of pop-culture. Science areas that are explored include Teleporting, Time Travel, Invisibility, Immortality, Light Sabres, Intelligent Metals, Terraforming Climates and Telekinesis. Age suitability is 8 years and above.

Four sessions of Fact or Fiction will be held on **Saturday 20 August** at University Hall, UTS City Campus, Ultimo.

11am and 2pm – Hosted by Editor in Chief of Cosmos Magazein, Wilson da Silva5pm and 8pm – Hosted by comedian Peter Berner

Tickets are \$35 family, \$15 adults and \$10 child. Bookings are essential at www.moshtix.com.au or 1300 438 849.

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NOTICE:

Market Night for Year 8 and Year 10 will be held on Tuesday 9th August

WHERE: Common Room
WHEN: 6pm Year 8
7pm Year 10

What are we selling? **SUBJECTS**

Come and pick up your **Subject Selection Books** and find out about the opportunities in all subject areas.

TVET Information will be presented by a TAFE representative