



# Marsden Mail

March 2011



## Information about Marsden High School news and events

---

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pathways for Learning, anywhere and anytime

Last week, we opened our school to our community for an impressive Open Night display. Thank you to the enthusiastic staff and our wonderful students who worked together to partake in inspiring activities, the entire display was "awesome". The success of what we do everyday as a part of our business was clearly demonstrated in the way the students went about showing their learning to our guests, in a friendly, engaged manner. I was most impressed. I think every person who visited was enthused by the amazing levels of student learning and the commitment of staff.



**Open Night 'Music in the garden'.**

Firstly, we take learning seriously, Marsden is more than the buildings and the facilities, it's about the classroom activities and what learning looks like. At Marsden we truly are preparing our students to learn for life. We are lifelong learners! Our visiting numbers were reasonably strong, and hopefully those who attended will sing our praises in our local community.

Our students continually enjoy opportunities to further their understandings of the course content. This was also demonstrated in our Reptile Alive visit last week, which was enjoyed by our students, it was a 'home delivered reptile park' and was a most exciting learning experience.

We are an untapped paradise, close to home!

**Learning and the new educational landscape.**

What would the 'utopia of learning' look like? How could we make this a pathway for learning, anywhere and anytime? These questions were posed at a recent symposium on education. We need to ask ourselves where Marsden fits in this educational future? I am thrilled to have all our Year 9 netbooks out and in the hands of our students. Already, there are great changes happening in our classrooms showing innovative collaboration between students and teachers. This all has come about by our teacher champions joining forces with other schools to share their innovations and understanding about the best way to engage and excite our students about quality learning by using the new learning netbooks. Ask your child to show and explain 'edmodo' or a 'wiki'. And for those who thought that a 3D printer was impossible....our TAS department has been creating the most amazing 3D objects. They must be seen to be believed. Our sincerest thanks goes to our very supportive P & C who funded this initiative.

**Schools Spectacular - our leading lights both students and teachers.**

William Wachsmann and Aiden Stirling in Year 12 have been chosen to participate in the vocal ensemble to be part of the highly accomplished musical production showcasing the best of our public schools. Ms. Lee also displays her amazing piano skills as the ensemble pianist. We are privileged to have such amazing talents at Marsden.

**'Giving' and 'helping others' is one of the happiest times we can experience.**

In the upcoming holidays 20 of our Work Studies and Construction students will brave the 10 hour bus trip to Queensland, (Yelarbon) to assist with building fences for the flood victims. We are very proud of the significant contribution our students make to our community, both locally and globally! Our driving force, Ms Symons has successfully got this project off the ground, gathering the support of Ryde and Hunters Hill Rotary clubs and the greater community. Mr Lloyd and Ms Campbell will also accompany the students along with some other community volunteers. The support from our teachers has been also extremely generous as they have offered to cover lessons for the participating teachers. We await the stories and pictures of their adventures for our next edition.



**Our 3D printer and the Space Camp Guru Mr.Hannah**

**If its sport you like.. then Marsden is the place.**

Last Tuesday, our entire school student body took part in the cross-country carnival. All sweaty, prepped up and ready to go, our students managed to complete the various cross country courses. Some students even made it in record times. The PDHPE/sport faculty was very pleased with the excellent manner in which all the students performed at their best and surprised themselves on their successes. While running is a great exercise, it's the new way to engage in activity that is really capturing our students. The PDHPE faculty has been busy building their simulation Wii game to show and test other athletic abilities. Naturally, this is raving success, and at the same time this type of simulation learning meets many curriculum aspects for PDHPE, now that is pleasing!

**Year 7 Success4Learning: Year 7 parent night, Tuesday 15th March.**

Year 7 parent night held last Tuesday saw the launch of our Year 7 Curriculum booklet (draft), outlining all the content, assessment tasks, learning outcomes and homework expectations for all year 7 students. If we were unable to make the night and you would like a copy of the booklet, please ask your child to see the Year 7 Advisor Ms. Dalal. Another point of contact for parents and students in Year 7 is Dr. Vasilevska, Deputy Principal with responsibility for Year 7.

**Keeping us informed about your details is very important.**

If you change details for yourself or your child, please ensure that you contact the front office to give the correct updated details in regards to telephone numbers, address and emergency contacts. The school must have these details correct, particularly in an emergency situation, it is vital we have correct student parent numbers and address. **If you have not forwarded your most recent contact details including EMAIL address to the front office through your child, please drop it into the front office asap, ensuring you indicate your child's name.** We intend to move into emailing the Marsden Bulletins. This will make communication much faster and will allow us to spend more of our funds directly on your child's education. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**All go with supporting our scholarship holders.**

The scholarship recipients for 2011 are leaping forward with the financial educational benefits they have received. All recipients are clearly taking their opportunity very seriously. Congratulations to these students. John Tuckerman, an ex-student, successful stockbroker and founder of the Pinnacle scholarship visited our school this week and kindly shared his wisdom and his business principles with Mr. Williamson's Year 12 Business Studies Class. Our thanks go to Mr Tuckerman for his very generous support of Marsden High School.

**The final word.. the biggest room in the house.. the "room for improvement".**

The focus is on achieving above and beyond, what we never thought would be possible. Keeping the compass set on the goals we set at the beginning of the journey. And remember, calm seas, do not always make good sailors. Mark your level and then always try to improve on this.

**Mrs. D.Lofts**  
**Principal**  
**Marsden High School**

---

**CONTACT US****MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Winbourne Street, West Ryde 2114

P: 9874 6544

F: 9858 1716

E: [marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)[www.marsden-h.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.marsden-h.school.nsw.edu.au)

**Our next P&C meeting is on**  
**Tuesday 24th May**  
**in the Library at 7:30pm**

## Calendar

## March

- 22 – Year 7 Vaccinations  
**22 – P&C AGM**  
 30 – Year 12 Exams Commence

## April

- 6 – Year 9 Laptop Information Session  
 6 – Year 7 Camp **6/7/8 April**  
 7 – **ANZAC Assembly**  
 8 – IEC Graduation Concert  
 End of Term 1

## 9-24 April School Vacation

- 25 – Anzac Day Public Holiday  
 26 – Easter Monday Substituted Public Holiday  
 27 – School Development Day  
 28 – Students return

## May

## 10 – NAPLAN 10-13 May

- 20 – Year 11 Exams Commence  
 20 – Northern Sydney Zone Cross Country  
 24 – Year 7 & 12 Parent/Teacher interviews  
 30 – Year 9 & 10 Exams Commence

## CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back for 2011. A very hot start for 1<sup>st</sup> term.

So far only one new volunteer has come forward I **need** a lot more. Please if you can spare one day a month this would greatly help your child's canteen to keep running.

These are the days I have vacant each month.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Prices have stayed the same as last year, but may be reviewed later in the year

Please ring Rae Butler Canteen: 9858 1367  
 Mob: 0421 458 890  
 Home: 8060 7828

## UNIFORM SHOP

## Pre-winter sale:

School Track Suit Pants  
 Reduced to \$25.00.  
 Supplies and sizes limited

## Reminder that school ties are compulsory for Terms 2 &amp; 3 and are \$15.00.

Caps are currently out of stock. As soon as they arrive students will be notified. Unfortunately there will be a price rise.

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term one is now well underway. It is good to see that students are using their diaries much more productively. I encourage you to check the back of their diaries to see how many stamps they have for good behaviour and to see when homework and assignments are due. More of our students are receiving silver cards for demonstrating our core values of cooperate, achieve, respect and engage. Congratulations to these students.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the year seven information evening. Thanks to parents for their enthusiasm and to the teachers who had already stayed back for our Open Night evening the day before. We are fortunate to have such dedicated staff. Many year seven students will be attending the end of term camp, we hope they have a great time learning new skills and consolidating friendships. Students not attending the camp must attend school.

Year 9 are definitely enjoying their new laptops! Please remind them to be gentle, we already have a number of broken lap top cases. They are not indestructible. Ask your son or daughter to show them some of the exciting things they are doing. Many classes are now using edmodo, which is essentially a class site that they register to. Our young people are quite technologically advanced and have quickly increased their skills. If there is a younger brother or sister at home perhaps they would like to try using wordle.net which turns words into amazing posters or title pages.

Year eleven students should now be seriously into their studies. Do not believe them if they say they have done everything. There is always

study to do. Summarising class notes, working ahead in a text book, looking at the Board of Studies site and trying an exam etc. At this stage really they are looking at a minimum of 3 hours a night for homework and study.

Easter is quickly approaching. I hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday break

**Sue Vasilevska**

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thankyou to all the students who helped on the Open Night, you were excellent ambassadors for our school, your enthusiasm, commitment and generosity of time truly embody our CARE motto. Your parents should be as proud of you as we are.

Yr.12 commence their exams on 30<sup>th</sup> March and they continue till 6<sup>th</sup> April. Students need to be at school well before the exam begins and they will be expected to stay for the entire exam period, remembering that this is an opportunity to improve their rank within the class.

A number of our students have donated blood in the Bloodbank Vampire Shield Appeal. Once again, our students lead the way in demonstrating how we can support the community. The Valentine's Day Roses drive was its usual success, how heartening to see so many romantics amongst our midst. The SRC have also held a number of BBQs to raise funds for other causes. Raising money for charity acknowledges how important it is to look outside ourselves and see the needs of others and then following through on that commitment.

**PARENTS.** Can you please ensure that the school has the correct details on file. Recently, a form was sent home asking you to complete your current contact numbers and email address. We need to contact you if there has been an accident and it is very distressing for your child if we cannot reach you. In order to decrease our paper usage, we are aiming to start sending out the newsletter via email, so having this address is also important. Medical conditions e.g. allergic reactions, should also be

known to us. This information is kept private but it does assist our treatment if there is a problem.

Another reminder about the uniform. During Term 2 & 3 students wear TIES. Black leather laceups are the correct foot attire and only the school jumper, vest or sport jacket are worn over the shirt. Hoodies and track tops are NOT part of our uniform. Students who cannot wear the correct uniform must bring a note from their parents to receive a uniform pass, those who forget to bring a note may receive a referral and have their parents contacted if they repeatedly fail to wear the correct uniform.

Year 9 have received their laptops and this current set has a bigger screen and other improved features. Now students in Years 11, 10 and 9 have laptops and teachers are researching new techniques to support students in their learning. We now have an EDMODO group that allows teachers to post work online and students can work at home and then send in their work.

**Margaret Paczkowski**

### PDHPE

#### Integrated Sport

Years 7 – 10 have been enjoying a new format this year in sport lessons. Competition has been fierce and many students are demonstrating their sporting potential. New sports such as Stickball have been included in this terms draw and both staff and students are enjoying the competitive nature of the game. I would also like to congratulate the students who were selected as Vice Captain and Captain of their respective teams.

A summary of the competition thus far:

**Year 7:** Cuthbert leading by 6 points with T. Mulholland leading the female sportsperson of the year award and J. Van Diggele leading the male sportsperson of the year award.

**Year 8:** Cuthbert leading by 11 points with S. Akbari leading the female sportsperson of the year award and a three way tie between D. Andrews, J. Baikie and R. Atmadja in the male sportsperson of the year award.

**Year 9:** Cuthbert lead Konrad by 1 point with E. Godden leading the female sportsperson of the year award and a two way tie between T. Shafaei and B. Hando in the male sportsperson of the year award.

**Year 10:** Bradman lead Young by 1 point with L. Van-Ostayen and A. Ng Shui leading the female sportsperson of the year award and A. Wareham leading the way in the male sportsperson of the year award.

**Mr. Lustica**  
**Sports Organiser**

### **Year 11 Crossroads Camp**

As a part of the Stage 6 requirements, all students in Year 11 are required to complete the Department of Education Crossroads course. Crossroads is a 25 hour course that is mandatory for all students in Year 11 that focuses on the personal development and health of students.

Crossroads aims to support senior students as they address issues related to identity, independence and the changing responsibilities they face. In Crossroads, students have the opportunity to develop knowledge, understandings and skills to enable them to make informed decisions about issues which are pertinent to them.

Marsden High School has decided to run this course as a compulsory camp for all Year 11 students during Term 2. The camp will be at Jamberoo Valley Lodge on the 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> June and will be an excellent opportunity for students to build upon their existing relationships and test themselves on a range of initiative and challenge activities.

The cost of the camp is estimated at \$290 including meals, transport, accommodation at the lodge and all activities. Students can start making payments towards this camp from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April at the front office. **A parent and student information night has been organised for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April in the school hall at 6.30pm to further discuss this course.** The course operator, Ian Bradburn of Optimum Experiences will also be present to discuss the activities and the benefits of this course.

**Mr A. King**  
**Head Teacher PDHPE**

### **Year 7 – 11 Ski Trip**

This year there is an opportunity for all students in Years 7 – 11 to attend a Ski Trip to Thredbo Ski Resort. The trip will take place during the first few weeks of Term 3 and will run from Sunday to Wednesday. All students will have a choice of Skiing or Snowboarding and will be provided with a 2 hour lesson each day by qualified Thredbo instructors.

The cost of this opportunity is estimated at \$650 and will include all transport, meals at the lodge (Breakfast and Dinner), 3 day all access lift pass, equipment hire including boots, board or skis, jacket, pants and helmet. It will be compulsory for all students to wear a helmet and snowboarders will also wear wrist guards.

This opportunity is available to the first 45 students who pay a deposit of \$150 at the front office. Deposits can be made from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a waiting list for those students who miss out. **An information night for both parents and students will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm in the school hall** where an itinerary, what to bring list and permission note will be issued.

**Mr A. King**  
**Head Teacher PDHPE**

On Tuesday 1st March, Marsden HS Open Boy's Cricket side played a 40 over-a-side match (as part of The Davidson Shield Cricket Tournament) against Asquith Boy's High School at The Brush Farm Reserve in Eastwood.

Asquith Boy's High School elected to bat first and were completely bowled out for a total of 208. Much of their scoring and the team's total effort was helped by their captain who batted through most of the innings for a personal tally of 92. Throughout this time Marsden HS continued to persevere with their bowling efforts and vital wickets were shared largely between Isaac Boesel, Aaron Wareham, Patrick McGregor and Tommy Thungsunawan.

In reply Marsden HS started well with some bright batting by Conor Rae. Unfortunately, after he lost his wicket, other wickets began tumbling and we found ourselves in a difficult situation. However, some stubborn and graceful batting by Axel Cahlin with good support by Timothy Wass and William Nicholson had Marsden HS placed in a position in the early part of the afternoon

where a win looked conceivable. From here though, the game turned again and our lower order fell rather quickly. In the end Marsden managed a total of 114 which though respectable was well short of what was required.

### **Mr Gates (Cricket Coach)**

#### **Open Girls Soccer Knockout Tournament**

The Open Girls Soccer team took on Macarthur Girls High School in the Knockout tournament. The game was an evenly fought contest with plenty of chances for both teams. It was a physical first half with in which defence dominated. Stephanie Whittles was rock solid and Rhiannon Knipe was pure class at the back. Esra Nejad Esfahani exposed the opposition backline with her pace to create a one on one opportunity but unfortunately the keeper was too good. The second half started the same as the first with chances for both teams. Hayley Otte was on a mission and showed great grit and determination as a holding midfielder. Unfortunately we got caught on the counter attack with 10 minutes to go to be down 1-0. Then with 5 minutes to go a great chance fell to Lauren Van-Ostayen who had worked tirelessly all day but once again the keeper was too good. As players pushed forward searching for the equaliser we were exposed and went down 2-0. Other mentions must go to Jessica Jandzio and Jessica Harrison who played extremely well in goals as well as Dijana Marinkovic who was ever present. All of the substitutes made an impact when they came on as well. Overall it was a very good performance by everyone and all girls should be proud of the way they played.

**Daniel Cunningham**

#### **Tennis Report**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March the Marsden junior tennis team set out for their first battle in the Stan Jones Trophy Knockout Tennis Tournament.

With six boys vying for the four coveted positions on the team, competition was fierce. Finally, the four boys chosen to represent our school were; Daniel Fuchs, Vlad Miladinovic, Aleksandar Miladinovic and Henry Morton.

The match was played at the Cowells Lane Tennis courts and the teams looked set for a ding-dong battle...that is, until the opposition hit the courts. Killarney Heights was last year's runner up at State Level. On top of that, their team had played at senior level and had many years experience amongst them.

We didn't let this deter us, and our boys staunchly faced their opponents on court. Cheered on by Kim Simeon and Jack Willis, Marsden swung away on the sweltering courts. Unfortunately, to no avail. Killarney was just too good.

The first round of doubles ended in defeat for Marsden, as did all the singles sets. It was only at the end that some spark, some twinkle appeared in the eyes of Daniel and Vlad. They were down 4-3 in the last doubles when they hit their straps and started forging ahead. With Daniel's relentless topspin forehand and Vlad's rocket-like backhand, the boys fought off several game points to forge ahead 6-5. The next game went to deuce 9 times before Vlad's booming first serve finally sealed the set for a 7-5 win.

With only one win for the day, we had to capitulate. Overall, not Marsden's best outing for tennis but the boys enjoyed themselves and were good sports throughout the day (even when a couple of very dodgy line calls went against them).

Maybe next time, after a bit more practise, we could give them more of a run for their money. Murmurs of more tennis competitions at Marsden are afoot and the boys certainly seem keen to play as much tennis as possible.

Overall, regardless of the outcome, we all had a great day in the sun, swinging a racquet at yellow fluffy balls. What could be more fun?

**Ben Tari**

#### **2011 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY REPORT**

The 2011 Cross Country carnival was a successful event for many reasons. Firstly the weather was mild and perfect for running. Secondly, the participation rate among the students was up to Marsden's usual high standards. Our decision to increase the course

to 3km was also justified as this created a course that is closer in distance to that used in the Zone carnival.



Congratulations to the following students who are the 2011 Cross Country age champions;

AGE	FEMALE	MALE
12	Skyler Williams	Bobby Makiut
13	Houda Soufan	Axel Cahlin
14	Annabelle Harrison	Joshua Jung
15	Casey Cahlin	Michael Flynn
16	Nicha Jomjaturong	Aaron Wareham
17	Jessy Coulson	Sean Madeley

**A.Lustica**



### AWARDS CEREMONY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As International Student Co-ordinator at Marsden High School, it was with great pleasure that I had the opportunity to attend the International Students Awards Ceremony with Mrs Denise Lofts on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

The ceremony was to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievements and school service of international students in NSW government schools. The awards were presented by the Deputy Director-General Schools.

**Yikun (Lincoln) JIANG** was nominated for outstanding academic achievement.

- E4 equivalent to **Band 6** (highest level) in Maths Extensions 1 and 2
- Band 5 in Chemistry and ESL English
- ATAR of 95.8.
- Now studying Bachelor of Actuarial Studies at Macquarie University.



Above is a photo of Mrs Lofts (third from left) and Yikun (Lincoln) right of centre back with other distinguished guests and award winners



Above is a picture of myself (left) with Yikun(Lincoln) Jiang and Mrs Lofts after he received his award

**Ms Jan McBryde**  
International Student Co-ordinator

## CAREERS NEWS

### Eligibility for Youth Allowance

When your dependent child reaches the age of 16 they may be eligible to receive Youth Allowance (YA) depending on a number of criteria. These include the following:

- 1 Parental Income – The lower threshold for parental income to receive the maximum YA is \$45,114 and the highest threshold is \$150,000. These amounts of parental income represent the combined income of both parents/guardians. The rate of YA will decrease for every \$1 over the minimum threshold.
- 2 Number of students in the family
- 3 Studying circumstances of the student(s) – if living at home or away to study.

Some of the benefits available to students on Youth Allowance include reduced fees at TAFE (\$52) and Education Scholarships worth approx \$2,000 per annum for students attending university.

To work out how much support you may be entitled to with YA; you can use the [Student Assistance Estimator](#) which is located on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations website, [www.deewr.gov.au](http://www.deewr.gov.au).

If you have any questions please contact Centrelink

**Sheryn Symons**  
**Careers Adviser**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

These took place in Week 4 & 5. **Thank you** to all those students who remembered all of the instructions. I was very pleased to see all year groups in full school uniform, including their tie, for these photographs.

The photographers were once again very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the students and were able to progress through the day with little disruption.

When all of the proof checks have been completed, over the next 3-4 weeks, your Year Adviser will receive each of the Photo Packs and distribute these in Year meetings. Should you be away on the day, you will need to see your Year Adviser to collect your Photographs.

Any late payments for Photographs can still be made, however, this needs to be organised directly with Advancelife Photography.

Further enquiries can be directed to Advancedlife photography via their web site [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)

**Mr. Jim Simaitis**  
**Photography coordinator**  
[jim.simaitis@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jim.simaitis@det.nsw.edu.au)

## THE BEAUTIFICATION OF EF11

Year 11 Work Studies students decided that they would like to paint their classroom, EF11. Whilst this sounded like a good idea at the time, Mrs Symons, a very experienced painter (??) knew that this meant a lot of work. Despite this she was up for the challenge. The first thing to do was to choose the colours. Year 11 had ideas (mainly purple ones) but who better to help us decide but the art teachers, so enter Ms Larsson and Mrs Woodland. Each had ideas and in the end Yr 11 decided on Purple Pleasure (very purple) and Sing Sing (a blue grey colour) for two walls each.

The students spent some time sanding, filling holes and washing down walls. Then last Friday was the big day. One coat of undercoat and 2 coats of finished colour in one day, quite an ask! As a result it was all hands on deck and Mrs Symons called in some reinforcements in the form of Yr 12 Work Studies students.

**Congratulations to Jessica Harrison, Sameem Nawabi and Natasha Zerf from Year 12 and Moey Alameddine, Alan Fei, George Hajjar, Armel Lapera, Sayed Zahedi and Chloe Wan from Year 11 for working exceptionally hard all day and for making EF11 such a beautiful room for us all to learn in.**

Students may notice that one panel of the back wall only has an undercoat. There is a reason – we didn't run out of paint. Mrs Woodland and the

talented Art group are going to paint a mural on the wall. Can you believe that EF11 will look even better in a few weeks time?

Year 11 and Year 12 Work Studies students



### TAS REPORT

2011 is shaping up to be a fantastic year in the TAS & VA Faculties. The acquisition of the 3 D printer (rapid prototyper), courtesy of the ongoing support of the P&C Association, will open a myriad of possibilities across the various curricula of the school. I'd like to thank the P&C once again for their support.

The immediate applications in TAS will be for Years 11 & 12 Design & Technology students who will be able to rapid prototype their designs directly from CAD (Computer Aided Design/ Drawing) programs. I thank Mr Hannah for his drive & enthusiasm in incorporating this machine into his teaching practise. The Visual Arts department is also excited at the possibilities opening up for the production of sculptural forms.

It was great to catch up with yr 6 student parents on Open Night. CO2 racers, the Technology Mandatory projects and the CAD/ CAM display were all well received. Well done to all staff and the enthusiastic Marsden student helpers. It is pleasing to be a Head Teacher of a Faculty to see motivated students reaping rewards for their efforts. As well as seeing beautiful art works and TAS projects produced, it's also rewarding to see the great enthusiasm for our subjects being rewarded with the new CARE

stamps and the Faculty Awards. I urge all students to bring your diary every day and remind your teachers of the CARE stamp rewards. This is a great initiative of the PBEL team.

There are many interesting Major Works taking shape in both Industrial Technology Wood and Design & Technology. We wish them well as the HSC due date for external marking fast approaches. Years 9 & 10 courses in Industrial Technology Wood, Food Technology and Work Education/ VET Construction are progressing well with many varied projects being completed in the workshops and around the school. The Year 9/ 10 garden is also doing well under the guidance of Alan Southcombe. The arrival of the huge water tank has added to their enthusiasm. I thank Mr Lloyd for his patience and enthusiasm in organising these groups as well as the construction projects. The PDHPE locker areas are quickly taking shape.

As some of you may have heard, I have accepted the position of Head Teacher TAS at Mosman High School with my last day at Marsden High being Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> March. I move on with mixed emotions as I thoroughly enjoy working here and have enjoyed the camaraderie of the staff and the enthusiasm and talents of the students. As I usually like the more creative approach to Design and TAS subjects, it has been a pleasure to be more closely involved with the Visual Arts Faculty since Ms Bensen's promotion. The VA and TAS Faculties have a wonderful balance of talents and I wish them well. I have always enjoyed myself at Marsden High School and will be back to visit often.

As I say to students who wonder at my decision, after 5 years of teaching at Marsden from 1983 to 1988, I've left Marsden previously, before they were born. I also left in 1998 after 2 years casual teaching. After 3 and a 1/2 years as H/T, it is time to move on. So, never say never, I may be back. (insert Arnie Swarznegger impersonation)

Marsden is a wonderful school and I look forward to hearing of your successes in the future.

**Mark Jones**

### BBQ FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> March the SRC (student representative council) organised a BBQ lunch for the International students attending Marsden High School. The main purpose of the lunch was to introduce these students to a typical "aussie BBQ" and give them time to meet their teachers and SRC under more informal circumstances, than in the classroom.



I was very concerned about the organisation of such an event but Ms Thadani (SRC co-ordinator) said "just leave it to the SRC". So I did.....They did a wonderful job in buying all of the food, getting the BBQ's ready, running the lunch under the trees next to the school Hall and then cleaning up. Ms Thadani sent me a copy of her FOUR PAGE EMAIL sent to the students giving them precise instructions... including how to cut the onions THINLY! A number of the international students volunteered to help and improve their cooking skills at the same time.

The surprise for the International Students and teachers came with the Line dancing organised for them in the Hall after the BBQ.



Everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks to the SRC and the wonderful directions from Ms Thadani and Ms Mo.



**Jan McBryde**  
International Student Co-ordinator

### WORK EXPERIENCE

This is a very important week of the year 10 Careers program (**20 – 24 JUNE**). All year 10 students are expected to attend a week of work in their chosen interest area or perhaps in a shop where they would like to obtain part time work.

Students have been given the paperwork which needs to be completed and brought back to the Careers office no later than 6 May. It often takes some time to obtain work experience so students are encouraged to start on this task now. There may be some schools who will be partaking in work experience at the same time. Networking with peers, family, friends, teachers and neighbours will help find useful contacts. Students who have completed work experience in the past always come back to school very excited about what they have learnt in the workplace.

### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Marsden High School has a new Teacher Librarian.

My name is Ms Langelaar and I am very happy to be a member of the Marsden High School community. I have recently retrained and completed my Masters of Education in Teacher Librarianship at Charles Sturt University in the school of Information Studies.



I was a Drama/History/ English teacher for many, many years before retraining. I am lucky enough to inherit a fantastic library space that is light and airy with lots of windows.



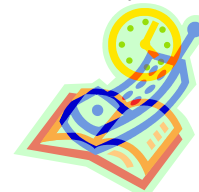
There is a senior study area as well as

a computer kiosk and a downstairs resource area. The development of resources to meet student's needs, in years 7-12, is a priority as well as creating innovative information resources. I look forward to helping student's access resources for assignments and special interests, as well as encouraging a love of literature in its many forms.

The greatest asset the library has is Mrs Knight the very experienced Library Assistant having been at Marsden High School in this role for over 10 years.



So students if you have not visited the library lately come and say hello to **'Team Library'** and see how we can enrich your school life. Parents do not hesitate to ring if you would like to speak to me about anything concerning the library.



Thankyou  
Ms Langelaar

### MOCK TRIAL

This year Marsden High school has once again entered into the NSW Law Society's Mock Trial competition.

The first round was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at Marsden High. The students were victorious in their trial against Homebush Boys' High School. The team consisted of Barristers; Yusuf Aknar and Chelsey Copeland who executed their roles with confidence and flair. They were assisted by Erica Sufani, who as the instructing Solicitor was polished and demonstrated a sound knowledge of the legal process. Our two key witnesses were outstanding in their delivery of evidence in what can only be a very nerve racking experience. Both Jessica Jandzio and Stephanie Whittles shone in the witness box. Our final member and relatively new comer to the team, Cameron Ding-Farrington was a credit to his role as court officer and assisted in the seamless running of the Court's proceedings. Our outstanding win has seen the addition of three new members to the team; Anubhav Ashish, Fiona Cole and Naomi Sommers. We wish our Mock Trial Team success in future matches.



### WELFARE

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is already effectively over! It has been a tumultuous start to 2011. Floods in Queensland and Victoria, the earthquake in Christchurch. Earthquakes, a tsunami and a nuclear accident in Japan! Sydney and Marsden have been a relative island of peace and stability in the midst of so much turmoil and bad news.

Sometime though even in classes here students especially Year 7 students ask and wonder aloud about the perceived threats of these occurrences. I recently attended a presentation by Dr Michael Carr- Gregg a child psychologist and commentator on adolescent issues on shows such as Sunrise. He remarked that the first few months of this year has seen a steep spike in referrals for counselling and wondered if the events of this year had any ripple effect on his referrals. There are according to his view 4 worlds of the adolescent. The influences of Family, Peers, School and a Inner world of influence. Added to this has increasingly been media and given most adolescents use of new technology he titles this the Digital world.

The bombardment of images may affect sensitive adolescents. Advice is if they want let them talk, be aware to try to give facts such as Australia is a relatively safe place from earthquakes and tsunamis (although historically we have had both to a lesser degree) and reassure and try to assure that people are trying to make things right. Ironically the worst of times brings out the best in people and we have seen many brave people in rescue teams, people cleaning up after floods and the stoicism of the Japanese people. People do try to care and put things right and these practical examples are

comforting to all of us including adolescents. Here at Marsden I have addressed all students about the events and the need if required to listen to the few Japanese students in our community. Many teachers have fielded questions in class and have answered with candour and facts and sympathy. Our wonderful SRC has also held a fundraising day for victims as well that has alerted students to the issue and provided an avenue to show they can do something.

So many caring great students at Marsden makes me proud to be Head Teacher Welfare at Marsden.

**Tom Broadfield**  
Head Teacher Welfare/LOTE

### PI DAY

On March 14th 2011, Marsden joined in celebrating International Pi Day. Everyone knows about Pi! The elusive mathematical constant that begins 3.14159... Well, that's just 5 decimal places of Pi. These never end! On Monday 14th March, 3 of our year 12's earned the titles of Pi Master Skyler, Pi Harry and Pi Bryce. Sure, "Jedi" sounds more impressive, but wait till you read what these young men did! In front of the whole school during Monday's assembly in the quadrangle, on 3 whiteboards, Bryce and Harry wrote out 97 and 106 decimal places of Pi correctly! And wait, Skyler wrote out 194 digits of Pi!! Now that surely classifies these three young men as mathematical Jedi's!! The force is strong with them. They shall be taking on apprentices soon.



## UTS CAREERS FAIR 2011 - DARLING HARBOUR

Are you a final year student? Looking to secure a competitive graduate role? Still trying to figure out what direction your life will take after uni?

The UTS Careers Fair 2011 is your chance to find the answers.

**What?** The UTS Careers Fair 2011, Darling Harbour will give you the opportunity to network with over 100 leading companies. Find out who you want to work with and why, what stands out in the recruitment process and how you can score the role of your dreams.

**Who?** Over 100 leading companies.

**When?** Monday 11 April 2011. 12-4pm for Final Year Students. 1-4pm for all other students.

**Where?** The award-winning Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

**How?** Pre-registrations will open a week prior to the event in the UTS Library and the Careers Office. All other registrations will be taken on the day.

Shuttle buses will depart from Building 10, Jones St every 15 minutes. Student walking guides will be departing from the UTS Library walking students to the event every 15 minutes.

## LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19<sup>th</sup> century novelist, wrote: *"the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes"*. Host an international high school student in July through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500 501, email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or visit our website ([www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au)) to be part of this rewarding experience.

## ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Single with Children is a non-profit social group that provides fun and exciting social activities every week specifically for single parents and their children.

It's a great way to meet or make new friends in your area.

For your FREE copy of our social calendar contact us today  
Call 1300 300 496  
Or check out our web site:  
[www.singlewithchildren.com.au](http://www.singlewithchildren.com.au)

New Members Welcome



## Ryde Bulls RYDE BULLS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Playing @ Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre and  
@ Ryde Secondary College Sports Hub  
@ Ryde Ex Services Club Sports Hall  
Enquires: 9686 9908

## Volunteer Literacy and English tutors needed at Meadowbank TAFE

Free training sessions are due to start at Meadowbank College of TAFE to prepare adults to become volunteer reading /writing and English tutors to other adults. The next session will begin on Tuesday 3 May and run for 5 consecutive Tuesday mornings.

**For more information or to register your interest, please ring Sue or Deborah on 9942 3572**

## Youth Week Festival 2011

**Date:** Friday, 8 April 2011 Drug and alcohol free event

**Time:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm  
Official opening 4.30pm

**Location:** Sturt Park, Sturt St Telopea

Free event

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports activities</li> <li>Circus tricks</li> <li>DJ</li> <li>Information stalls</li> <li>Skate boarding demos</li> <li>BBQ</li> <li>Youth services info</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art programs</li> <li>Community drug action team</li> <li>Temporary air brush tattooing</li> <li>Rock climbing (must wear enclosed shoes)</li> </ul>
--	---

**Supported by:**

For more information contact:  
Community Capacity Building Team on  
Tel: (02) 9806 5138  
Email: [cmcalpine@parracity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cmcalpine@parracity.nsw.gov.au)

ski  
trip

11

is coming



can you handle it?

Do you have an

# ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

child aged between zero and eight?



A group is being established for dads and male carers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children aged zero to eight who live in the northern Sydney region. The group will meet on the third Sunday of the month in different locations within the northern Sydney region.

The first get together will be on  
**Sunday 3 April at Bobbin Head**  
from 11am–2pm with a BBQ lunch included.

## This group is about:

- Time with the kids
- A stress-free environment
- Time to talk with other dads
- Health and nutrition
- Learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Great activities across the northern Sydney region

For more information and to get involved, contact Adam  
on 9847 6585 / 0434 567 036 or [acryer@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:acryer@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land in the northern Sydney region, the Darug and Guringai people