



Marsden Mail

Term 4 Week 4



Principal's report Term 4 Week 4

Our changing nation, Marsden is sitting in a great position.

In times of change, learners inherit the Earth, while the learned find them beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists. Eric Hoffer

The 28th October was the release of the *Australia in the Asian Century White Paper*. The scale and pace of Asia's transformation is unprecedented and the implications for Australia are profound.

The Key feature...is Australia's great strengths are our people- we have a highly skilled adaptable and creative population with deepening connections in the region and demonstrated capability in innovation and complex problem solving.

<http://asiancentury.dpmc.gov.au/>



At Marsden we are focusing on these skills.

The Australian Government's *Australia in the Asian Century White Paper* has now been released. This document is a roadmap to guide Australia to become a more prosperous and resilient nation, fully part of the region and open to the world.

At Marsden we are preparing our students to be Global citizens and we are poised to meet the opportunities that will arise from our southeastern position. As parents we need to be encouraging our students to build their

Asian connections and understandings. The national goals are that:

- Australia will have deeper and broader people-to-people links with Asian nations, across the entire community.
- One-third of board members of Australia's top 200 publicly listed companies and Commonwealth bodies will have deep experience in and knowledge of Asia.
- One-third of the senior leadership of the Australian Public Service (APS 200) will have deep experience in and knowledge of Asia

This has a huge impact on what our students need to know to be able to operate in a global community. I encourage parents to greet these challenges.

Here are some facts about the Face of Australia, Face of Marsden!

- Today, nearly one-quarter of Australians were born overseas. Four million Australians speak a language other than English at home.
- Since 1945, about 1 million migrants have settled in Australia each decade. Few nations have absorbed so many migrants as a share of their population in such a short period.

- In all, Australians identify with about 300 ancestries, speak as many different languages and observe a wide variety of cultural and religious traditions. Cultural diversity is at the centre of Australia's identity.
- Australia is home to the world's oldest living culture and welcomes great diversity.
- Of the 5 million overseas-born people living in Australia, almost 2 million were born in Asia—an increase from 276,000 in 1981.
- Close to 1 in 10 of Australia's population identifies with Asian ancestry.
- Today, there are more speakers of Chinese languages in Australia than speakers of Italian or Greek.
- In 2010–11, for the first time in Australian history, Britain was not the main source of new permanent migrants—more people moved here from China than from any other country, and in 2011–12, India was the number one source of new permanent migrants.
- The dramatic shift in orientation towards Asia in the past 40 years has changed the face of Australian society and strengthened our connections with our region.

Going for GOLD in our Grade sport and elite Sport Program

Attending a Zone sport Principals meeting conducted by our great Public school zone sport team made up of PE teachers, (Mr. Lustica is our Representative) who are dedicated to making great opportunities for the students for sport in our area. The schools in our zone are: Marsden, Concord, Burwood Girls, Fort St, Ryde Secondary College, Hunters Hill High, Leichardt and Balmain Secondary College. It is apparent the professional and competent manner in which this competition is conducted. I have decided to continue our participation in the Grade Sport competition and this will combine with an Elite sport program to be conducted in our School. Mr. King will be briefing staff and parents on this initiative in the upcoming weeks for 2013.

MAX Potential, our students shine...Its all about growing leaders!

What is Max Potential? It is a 22 week personal leadership development, including coaching, to young leaders from schools, TAFE, university and the community to help maximize their potential. It also encourages these young adults to focus on the local community and ways they can work to improve it. Our young leaders were Reece Hendroff, Alice Connolly and Seul Lee. Huge congratulations to these students and their mentors. A huge thanks to the Mentors who were so patient and diligent and giving freely of their time.



Granny Smith Festival a Roaring Success for Marsden Stall

Thank you to all the staff who assisted on the very hot day of the Granny Smith festival at Eastwood. We



had many visitors to our stall and the parade of students was outstanding. In particular, Mrs Trish Swinkels' efforts must be acknowledged. A highlight was the 'mounted Police visiting' Ms. Senior Constable Karin, a former student of the 80s, visited our school stall as part of the mounted police patrol based in Redfern. Senior Constable Karin who has met the Queen in England as a part of her duties for the NSW mounted police recalled her days at Marsden High School, 30 years ago when she would ride her horse to school and tie the horse up at the back fence. Wow! How times have changed at Marsden.

Congratulations to our Table Tennis teams visiting Parliament house in Canberra

A team of students from Year 7-10 competed in the inaugural Bennelong Australian Table tennis competition. Our year 12 students, Hanbin Huang and Ivan Lau won Australian gold medals, Kay King, Ivy Zho, James Zhang and Aidan Zou were Bronze medallists. The team were ably led by Mr. Yang.

This was followed a team of 6 students that travelled to Canberra to watch the International Table Tennis match between China and Korea at Parliament House. This was a highly prestigious event and certificates for the 6 students were awarded on Monday's Assembly.

A Team of teachers go to Toronto and Callaghan College Wallsend Campus

Term 4 is always our planning term and we continue to plan our innovative program in vocational Education, Peer mentoring and systemic changes. As part of this we travelled to Toronto and Callaghan College Wallsend Campus Like any travel tour, it is great to see the variety of schools that exist and fabulous to pick up ideas for our teachers in Quality Teaching and learning. It was a successful tour and the team will have a planning day on 22nd November to outline some ideas for 2013.



Captains at Parliament house.

Thomas and Seul travelled with Ms. Berynk to Parliament house to see the government in action and hosted by our local member Mr. Victor Dominello. The students were very impressed by the hospitality and the leadership and governance processes.

Assessment Tasks are learning Tasks and so are exams.

Some students are finishing exams while some are starting. It is important to remember the all tasks are guides to learning. Almost a pre-test in some ways. Teachers use exams, firstly to record and document the relearning of students, then that information is transformed into teaching the areas of need. Therefore take all exam seriously as it is your key to what you need to do to improve. Look at the study skills website for loads of hints on study. Remember our password and log in.

<http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/>

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This week at Marsden, the fun and opportunity just keep coming.

- Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting at Marsden
- Reginald Aboriginalia Awards ceremony Saturday 10^h November
- Year 8 & 9 Exams
- AECG Tafe Day
- School Captain Thomas Ding to Parliament House
- Year 7 Swimming
- HSC Visual Arts marking of Artworks this week.
- iPad training for staff
- Gibberagong talented camp for Year 7 and Selected year 9 student's leaders.
- Work Place Training Construction
- Duke of Ed qualifying Camp

What I am reading

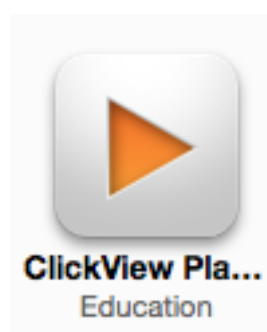
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**Our next P&C meeting is on
Tuesday 20th November
in the Library at 7:30pm**

Calendar**October**

29-2 Year 8 & 9 exams

November

5-9 Year 7 exams

5-9 Yr 11 VET Construction work placement

9 Year 12 Clearance

12-14 Yr 9 Geography – Gibberagong EEC

13-14 Yr 8 ESSA

14-16 Yr 7 G&T Camp – Gibberagong EEC

15-16 Duke of Ed – Bronze qualifying camp

28 11/12 Chemistry Excursion to UWS

**Tour of Marsden High School with our
Principal Mrs Denise Lofts**

If you missed our Open Day please join us and contact the office to book in for our school tours on 9874 6544

Tour date

Thursday 1st November 4-5pm

Year 7 Enrolments 2013

Orientation Day 9.30am Wednesday 5th December 2012 in the Marsden High School Auditorium.

If you require any further information, please contact Sharron Walden Mon, Wed and Friday's.

Uniform Shop News

New Blazer Scheme

Blazers will be available to order term 4 (Announcements closer to order date during roll call)

The P&C of Marsden have generously decided to sponsor every blazer purchased with \$50, therefore costing the parents \$100. In addition on returning the Blazer dry cleaned and in good condition at the end of a student's school career, the school will purchase to the value of up to \$50

They may be ordered and as of December 2012 some will be stocked for purchase anytime.

HELP NEEDED

Orientation day for 2013 Year 7 students is Wednesday 5 December 2012. Once again I need some helpers on that day for a few hours beginning 9am.

Last day the Uniform Shop is open this year is Thursday 13 December 2012. The shop will re-open again on Tuesday 29th January 2013 and be open every morning 8.30am – 10.30am until Friday 1st February 2013. Normal opening hours will commence Wednesday 6th February 2013. Usual opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am to 10.30am school days

Deputy Principal Report

It is official. Yr. 11 have become Yr. 12. They received their HSC Assessment booklet and are now on the path to the HSC 2013. Where have the last 6 years gone? The assessment booklet is available on the school website for everyone to check timelines.

While I was overseas, I found that some of our concerns about cyberbullying were also on the agenda for discussion in London schools. A common theme of parental advice was that parents really should be aware of what their children are posting on their Facebook pages and the level of security they have placed on their pages. Often, comments that are posted are passed on to other sites and then this can lead to issues at school. Another concern was the amount of time children were spending in front of a screen. Children do need some downtime from their Xboxes, Playstations, computers and iPhone.

Next week, some Yr. 9 students will be visiting Gibberongong to work on their leadership skills and develop geography skills on iPads. Yr. 7 Picasso students will be going on Wednesday to learn about iPads with Yr. 9 students acting as mentors.

Ms Patch

Library News

You will notice a lot of changes in the library if you haven't been over for a while. We are busy reorganising and making the library more user friendly.

Firstly, we have embarked on a massive culling of the Non Fiction books. Mrs Knight's hands are getting very tired from taking them off the system and stamping them with WITHDRAWN!! Don't worry they are all going to good homes as the RED CROSS is very happy to come and collect all that we no longer need!!

Some books have been in the library since it opened (we are saving any special ones but...) and are very yellow and it's no wonder they haven't been borrowed for 20+ years. Watch this space for our new look shelves without the musty old books that have been stored for way too long!!!



Mrs Knight with another pile of books to process. As the days get hotter the Library is a popular place to come. You can join with other class mates to get your assignments completed. Mrs Knight and I are on hand before school and every recess and lunch to help you to find the information you need to complete your tasks.



Lunchtime in the library

Our front entrance hall has taken on a new look!! Mr Dicker our General Assistant/Handyman extraordinaire was very busy over the holidays with his handy paint brush and drill!!! Well done Mr Dicker!!

The old bag rack couldn't fit many bags, so we now allow students to take their bags with them into the library. A safer option as bags were always left in front of the entrance door. All sorts of events used to happen but now students are in control and responsible for their belongings. Now we have a fantastic entrance to encourage students to read and borrow.





We love our new look entrance and it has already encouraged students to borrow. It seems like every time someone walks past they see a book and borrow it!! Hooray. Come in and have a look I'm sure there is something for you too!!

Watch this space as students are busy making Book Trailers for display on the LCD screen! We can't wait to see their creative work playing on our new screen. If you would like to be involved in this project just ask us, your friendly Library Team!!

Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian

Rock Eisteddfod Challenge News

Last week all REC participants got together to relive our fantastic performance at the Sydney Entertainment Centre!!

We celebrated all our hard work with cakes, biscuits and drinks while we looked at some photos and watched the DVD of our performance. We all had a great time!

We are looking forward to our school's Presentation Day Assembly when all participants will receive their certificate from REC and the whole school will watch the DVD of our performance. We hope that you can make it.



REC participants relaxing and discussing their performance!!
Ms Langelaar

The 2012 Australia Mathematics Competition

The results of the 35th Annual Australian Mathematics Competition held on the 2nd August in primary and secondary schools are now available. Hundreds of thousands of students from over 40 countries entered this year's competition.

Students from Year 3 to Year 12 compete on the same day, making it possibly one of the largest single events on the Australian education calendar. An Australian initiative, the AMC was introduced in 1978 as the first competition of its kind in schools here. It is now a truly international competition, having become the major school mathematics enrichment event and

benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

Marsden High School entered 127 students. 3 students received a Certificate of High Distinction, 22 obtained a Distinction, 32 achieved a Credit and 53 received a Proficiency Certificate.

All other students who competed will receive a Certificate of Participation and every entrant is provided with an individual performance report.

The major award winners were as follows:

Certificate of High Distinction
 Year 9 Jiarong Du
 Year 10 Yuqi Zhu
 Tianyuan Zou

The Prudence Award

Year 8 Owen Zhao

The Prudence Award is for the highest number of consecutive correct answers starting from question one. Owen's Prudence score was 19 – A Great Effort!!!

Certificates of Distinction

Year 7 Callum Irving
 Ivy Lao

Year 8 Owen Zhao
 Steve Jang

Year 9 Yujin Wang
 Eileen Fu
 Andy Ji
 Kitae Yoo
 Joe Wang

Year 10 Jay Zhang
 Huiyou Xie
 Geonwoong Yun
 Jingyin Chen

Year 11 Zeyu Kou
 Yuze Ma
 Thomas Ding
 Dong Jin Jo
 Zhaolang He
 Tao Xue
 Ye Yang

Year 12 Patrick Phung

The presentation of certificates to the major award winners will be conducted at a school assembly during Term 4.

Marsden has maintained its tradition of achieving quality results from its students in the 2012 competition.

Congratulations to all major award winners on behalf of the mathematics department. To all entrants, I would like to thank you once again for your participation and support.

John Tonkin
 Head Teacher Mathematics

Junior Service Award Winner



James Bolliger of Year 10 recently received a Junior Service Award, in recognition of his volunteering efforts for his soccer club, Ermington United.

During each home game in the 2012 season, James would arrive between 1-2 hours early to assist with field set up. This included putting up the corner flags, nets and chairs for the team area and the referees.

His fabulous volunteering efforts were rewarded with a presentation of the Junior Service Award on the club's presentation day.

James has also logged his volunteer hours with Mrs Boukaseff in the Careers office, to go towards his Premier's Volunteering Award Certificate.

Congratulations James!!

Mrs Boukaseff

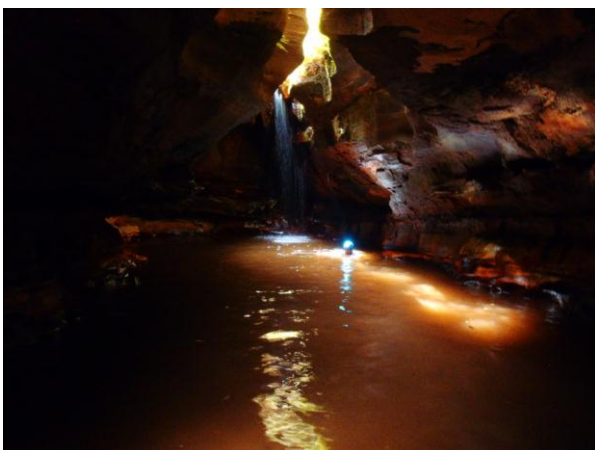
Outdoor Recreation Camp – October holidays

Eleven brave Year 11 boys caught the train out to Lithgow in the last holidays to complete 2 units towards their HSC in Outdoor Recreation. The students were picked up at Lithgow station by TAFE teachers and taken to TAFE to pack tents, food and rock climbing gear in to the bus.

They changed their campsite every 2-3 days and each time had to go back to the TAFE, collect more supplies of food and gear and set up the camp again. They were put into groups for the campsite fire, cooking, hygiene, washing up and to do camp duty, which involved packing up food at night so that the possums didn't come and eat it.



There were 3 main activities that the students were assessed on – rock climbing, canyoning and canoeing. Paul Nguyen explains some of their activities below.



“The first activity we completed was rock climbing. We had to abseil down quite a high cliff. Most people were fine but some found it difficult. There were lots of safety precautions we had to take.

On the day we went canyoning we walked down the hill to the canyon, got into our wet suits and walked through the canyon, we had to wear shoes in the water to protect our feet. At the end of canyon there was a big pool in the cave with a hole in the top where the sun was shining through. We had a swim and our lunch there and it was really beautiful.



Canoeing was done out on a big lake that took about 2 hours to get to. We set up camp and it was very hot so we went for a swim after we had set up. We had lots of activities, racing around the lake, rescuing, safe capsizing and pulling people back in to their canoes. On the second day, we canoed to a place about 30mins from camp and took a picnic lunch and then came back.

In between the different activities we went back to TAFE and packed the food and the new gear we needed for each different activity. Every night we had a group meeting around the fire to talk about the day's activities and how we could improve on what we had done.

It was a great camp and I would recommend it to other students.”

Paul Nguyen, Year 11
Sheryn Symons, Head Teaching and Learning

Community Spirit at the Granny Smith Festival

It was just great to feel the community spirit at Eastwood on Saturday 20th October and fantastic that our school could be a part of it.

A big thanks to the students who endured a very hot day to be great representatives in the 45 minute parade. Thanks to Lisa, Zoe (yr 7), Christian, Skyler (yr 8), Emily G, Millie, Kristy S, (Yr 10), Tim W, Fiona Y, Lauren, Jake, Uyen (Yr 11). They were all wonderful members of our school who got involved, looked great in their school uniform or Rock Eisteddfod costumes, held signs or the Marsden banner and even bopped along to our jumpy CD player.

Also a huge thanks to the fourteen staff members who were able to assist at the stall throughout the day. They were all wonderful advocates for our school and I thank them for getting involved and spreading the positive message about Marsden. A particularly big thank you to Ms Reema Sharma for all of her work in preparation for the day and for setting up the stall.

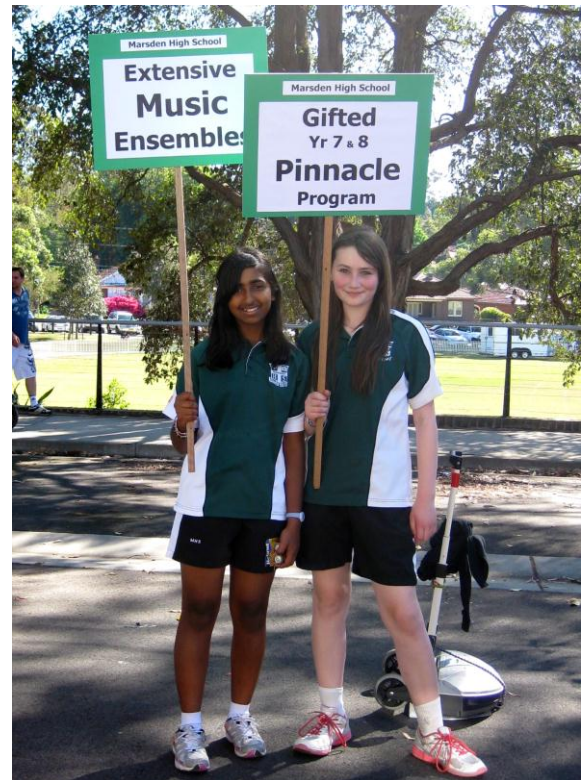
We had many interested visitors to the stall throughout the day - prospective parents and students, past students (both the recent and the not so recent), next door neighbours of the school, past staff. We displayed student work - thanks to TAS, HSIE, Visual Arts, Science - everything from wooden racers, abstract masks, delicate artwork and medieval castles. One past student even came to say hello on horseback - that brought huge crowds to our vicinity !!

Also a big thanks to the amazing students who helped to promote our school in front of the stall - Seul Lee (Yr 11) in resplendent Marsden uniform, complete with blazer and stockings. She looked amazing, keeping her cool in the full mid morning heat, greeting EVERY passer by and handing out flyers and magnets or bookmarks to prospective students and parents. She was the ultimate P.R. representative!! Ably assisted at the time by Fiona Yu (Yr 11) and later Brooke Seifert (Yr 8) did a similar role in the afternoon. Thank you to these students for giving their time, and their beaming smiles, to be such fantastic advocates for Marsden High School.

Thank you, thank you to everyone who got involved on the day. I also managed to have a few moments to watch our Big Band perform in the Plaza and was so proud of them, and the ever-amazing Ms Milena Idrus, as they performed to a large, supportive crowd.

Well done and thanks to all for being part of a great Granny Smith Festival.

Mrs Trish Swinkels
Yr 6-7 Transition Co-ordinator







You're Invited..

Rydalmere Public School

Ladies Market Night

Friday 2nd November

6.00pm - 9.00pm

Cost \$10 per person



This will be a wonderful opportunity to get together with family and friends for a child-free night of pre-Christmas shopping and fun. Stalls range from handbags, clothing, arts, craft, jewellery, make-up, skin care, linen, food, arts, craft and many more.

Entry includes a raffle ticket for a lucky door prize, supper and a glass of bubbly on arrival.

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**Venue: Parramatta Town Hall
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WHERE: West Ryde Public School - Endeavour Street, West Ryde.

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