



Marsden Mail

Term 4 Week 8



Principal's report Term 4 Week 8

This week, like all weeks at Marsden I feel privileged to lead this great school and its staff to build the HEARTS, MINDS and VISION of our students to become great 21st Century Global learners.

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.
Warren G. Bennis

Ipad Geographers are very clever! Very, very clever!



Mobile learning was never more true than what was demonstrated by both year 7 and year 9 students last week, where they spent a week at Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre at Bobbin Head. Led by Mr. Ian Bulgin, 4 teachers and 30 students from yr 7 & yr 9 embarked on a project based learning experience, with amazing gusto. Using the iPad as a tool, the students showed the ideas, the knowledge and the skills to create educational films pitched



at year 5 students around all aspects of environmental education. The great range of responses was quite amazing, from learning how to protect our Aboriginal heritage, savoring the bush tucker, testing and preserving the waterways and understanding the great diversity and resilience that exists in our beautiful country.

Congratulations team! Thank you to Mr. Bulgin for having the vision and the tenacity to get the project flying! Inspiring stuff.

We are TOP of TOPS in becoming Asia Literate in Australia

We are so good they want to profile us as an exemplar Becoming Asia Literate School, representing good practice by a school. We were chosen as one of only 3 schools out of 521 schools across Australia to showcase. Congratulations Marsden!

We have achieved a great deal in such a short time.

- Partner Primary schools have been part of the language immersion teaching in Korean, Chinese and Japanese from Ms Joo Yoon Lee and Ms Tina Mo (our Primary schools love both these fabulous teachers).
- Sister school visits and reciprocal return visit from Hanol Middle School, Korea. Sister school authentic relationships and sister school signing.
- Chinese and Korean Principal's tours, including a visiting professor who looked at our assessment of teaching our ESL students.



- Visiting significant Asian landmarks as part of the becoming Asia Literate eg Nan Tien Temple
- Creation of Asia Literacy Wiki of resources and teaching materials
- Significant high profile and leadership of building global citizens and the place of Asia to the learning experiences of our students.
- Significant growth in our Asian Language and cultural studies.

Congratulations to the team, Ms. Lee, Ms. Tina Mo, Ms. Sharron Walden under the Leadership of Ms. Sheryn Symons. Our resources will be available on the following wiki.

<http://asialit.wikispaces.com>

We build outstanding Partnerships with our Partner Primary schools.

Orientation Day, MATE (Marsden Alliance Transition Experiences), Year 7 visit Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong with our Partner Primary Schools, language classes, sport coaching, Yr 7 mentoring, student leadership, the list goes on. We are the lighthouse for our community primary schools. Congratulations Marsden students and staff.

Recognition for our teachers and Leadership for 21st Century Students

Regional Aboriginal Education Recognition awards recognized the amazing things that we do for our Aboriginal students and for bringing cultural awareness to our non-aboriginal students. Two of our staff were recognized: Kerry Smith who is our Aboriginal Education Aid and Ian Bulgin our ARCO, congratulations to both of these well deserving staff members. Last week I was proudly presented with the North Sydney Regional Fellowship to research the "Leadership skills and practices" of Principals to use technology to build 21st and 22nd Century Skills for students, the research will inform others and build my capacity to lead my school and students to be great learners. I am looking forward to travelling to the US (home of Apple computers) to view a number of outstanding schools who lead 21st Century learning and product based research.





Look our teachers learning on their ipads at the iPad techie- Brekkie team, Every Wednesday Morning at 8 am.

Great things continue to happen at Marsden every day. The weeks as I see them;

- Nan Tien Temple Picasso excursion
- Gibberagong iPad experience
- Filming our "Becoming Asia Literate Champions"
- Mate Visits with Partner Primary Schools
- Art Show in the Library
- Duke of Ed Overnight Camp and Bush Walk, Final Expedition
- Boat Building at Meadowbank TAFE
- Junior Performers Night
- 7 Mombassa to Korean Cultural Centre
- Year 11 First Aid Course
- Sports Assembly
- Macquarie University Library visit for year 7 and 8
- Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day
- Year 8 & 9 Luna Park Excursion

And the list goes on.....

Have a fabulous week in the Marsden School Community.

Ms Denise Lofts

What I am reading and learning this week.
Using Evernote... is outstanding <http://evernote.com/>



Parents page on the NSW Board of Studies. <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/>
Useful information for parents

There are many items on this web site of particular interest to parents. They are sometimes a little difficult to locate as the number of pages of information here reaches into the thousands. This page is designed to assist you by providing direct links to the most recent and relevant ones.

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**Our next P&C meeting is on
Tuesday 26th February
in the Library at 7:30pm**

Calendar**November**

- 27 **P&C Meeting**
- 28 11/12 Chemistry Excursion to UWS
- 28-29 Duke of Ed Bronze Final Expedition
- 29 Year 11 First Aid Examination

December

- 3 Art Exhibition Opening Night
- 3-7 Work Experience /Volunteer week
- 4 Year 8 & Year 9 excursion to Luna Park
- 5 Orientation Day – Year 7 2013
- 6 Sports Assembly
- Junior Performers Night
- 11 PBEL term 4 excursion
- 13 International Students excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park
- 18 Presentation Day
- 19 HSC results available to students
- Year 12 Morning Tea
- Last day of term for students

**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 6th December
Thursday 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

This term has literally flown by. It is difficult to believe that it is the end of week 8. There is always something happening at Marsden.

The transition team led by Ms Swinkels are busy preparing for our New Year 7 students to visit our school on the 5th December. The building partnerships team have organised primary school visits to Marsden to experience a range of taster classes at the school. We look forward to welcoming year 7 of 2013. Thanks to Ms Sharma our New Year 7 adviser who has put a massive effort into visiting schools and making our new students feel so welcome.

Teachers have been putting in long hours, finalising exam marking and also writing reports. Please take the time to carefully go through your child's report with them. There is often a consistency between teacher comments and good advice re the importance of additional home revision and study. As an English teacher I am passionate about reading. If your child says they have no homework, then 20 minutes reading of a favourite book or magazine will only

assist their knowledge, grammar and vocabulary. The school library is always expanding its stock but your local library is also a great place to visit both in school time and on the holiday.

With summer here the mornings are much lighter. Please assist your child to get into a good routine to come to school punctually. Students who are late on three or more occasions without a good reason receive an after school detention which takes place on period 5 on Tuesday afternoons. The use of an alarm, perhaps on the mobile phone may assist.

The school now uses an excellent SMS system to communicate whole day absences. Please provide a quick reply so that we know you are aware of your child's whereabouts or if you prefer provide a letter of explanation to the school on your child's return to school.

The weather has become much warmer and many of our students are very active at lunch time. Please ensure they wear a sunscreen and have lots of cold drinks. This will help decrease headaches and increase student engagement in the lessons after lunch.

Dr Vasilevska

Deputy Principal Report

Year 11 reports have been sent out, if any parents of Year. 11 students has not yet received their child's report, please feel free to contact the school so we can organise another report.

A recent study by Danish researchers has found that students who cycle or walk to school are much more alert and have greater concentration during the day than students who are driven to school. This is still the case when compared to students who have had breakfast and are driven to school. So what does this mean. It means parents should feel free to advise their child that walking to school will be good for them.

A big thankyou to Mr. Bulgin for organising a fantastic excursion to Gibberagong for Yr. 9 Commerce and Yr. 7 Picasso students. They became directors, moviemakers and environmentalists. Mr. Bulgin was joined by Mr.

Najdek, Ms.Berynk, Mr.Van Der Heide and Ms. Larsson, who gave up their time with their families to work with the students. The students were probably not the only ones who lost sleep.

In the future our Police Youth Liaison Officer, Constable Jason Roughly, will speak to Yr.8 & 9 about cyberbullying and Facebook. Students need to be constantly reminded about their responsibilities if they join social media sites like Facebook. They must be aware of what personal information they are posting and is available to any person that becomes "their friend"

Ms Paczkowski

Library News

This fortnight in the library has been very productive! The shelves are looking better every week and we have many new books on display! We have many new Fiction and Non Fiction books for you to escape to/with.

Also don't forget to go to World Book Online for your assignment information. It is accurate and updated regularly a great place to start your research at www.worldbookonline.com

Marsden access is:
Login ID: marsdenhs
Password: library

eBook Trailer

Our year 7 students are busy making their eBook trailers in library classes and if you would like to see Saba's it is on the LCD screen our foyer or she has put it on You Tube just follow the Link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRfJXrqLYM&feature=plcp>

I think you will agree it is FANTASTIC. I can't wait to see what our other students create!!

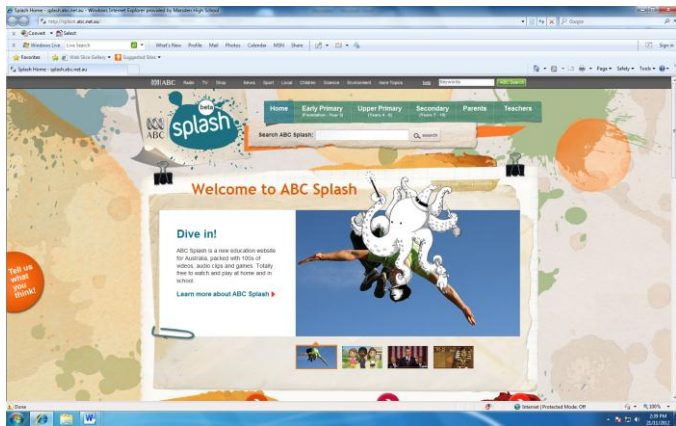
Australian Curriculum

As we move towards the new Australian Curriculum there are some fantastic resources being created and we are keeping our eyes out for relevant resources for the library.

One online resource that is available to students, teachers and parents is ABC Splash.

ABC Splash is a partnership between the ABC and Education Services Australia and is a free website funded by the Federal Government. Splash is linked to current events and relevant to major issues in Australia and is suitable for students up to Year 10. It already has over 300 videos, audio, images and more and will grow over the next 2 years. Interactivity will be a major focus for content added in 2013 so watch this space!

Click onto ABC Splash at
www.abc.net.au/splash.



This is a fantastic site to explore, which will continue growing well into 2013.

Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian

Surveying in the Park

A rainy day failed to dampen the enthusiasm of a team of students from Year 10. The day out of school was a workshop in the use of high tech surveying equipment and was set in the beautiful surroundings of Bicentennial Park at Homebush Bay. The Institute of Surveyors NSW and the University of NSW generously donated their time and knowledge in providing an insight as to what surveyors actually do. Surveying is a highly respected profession with a long history. The tasks students completed demonstrated that Applied Mathematics e.g. Surveying can be just as engaging and challenging as Pure Mathematics. Students were surprised that

using simple methods things like the circumference of the earth and the speed of sound could be determined with a very high level of accuracy.





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The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
6pm – 8pm Thursday 6 December	Ryde Library (Wallumetta Room), Pope St, Ryde (cnr Pope & Devlin streets)	Call the City of Ryde Customer Service T: 9952 8222

**Helping learner drivers
become safe drivers**



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Life is good and open kindly to your diversity

Christmas is a time for friends and family to come together to share, so what better way to celebrate than with a giant community Christmas party in one of the City of Ryde's beautiful parks!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday 2 December // 3.00 - 7.00pm // Ryde Park



- Santa's Cave: Santa will make a grand entrance at 4.40pm, then he will be in his cave to hear requests from the children
- Kids crafts: make your own Christmas stocking and decorate a Christmas cookie
- Pat a real live deer at the baby animal farm
- Jumping castle, kids rides and face painting
- Local performers provide entertainment for young and old: Jdance, the SydneySiders Express Barbershop Chorus and the Rock N Soul choir
- For mum and dad, there's great entertainment with singer Amanda Thomas and cover band Shock Daze and MC James Camilleri
- Gold Coin Donation Sausage sizzle and refreshments.

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Ryde Park, Blaxland Road, Ryde
(Parking available in the Argyle Avenue car park).
For further information contact Customer Service on
9952 8222 or www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/christmas

