



## Term 4 Week 6

### School holiday dates:

#### Term 4

Last day of term Wed  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Calendar

#### November

- 11 Yr 12 Clearance  
Yr 12 Biology Ass Task
- 13 ESSA Exam Year 8
- 14 Science Excursion Yr 10 & IEC
- 15 Yr 9, 10 & 11 Japanese Excursion  
Yr 12 Marine Studies - Rivercare
- 20 Yr 11 English Ext 1—STC Waiting for Godot
- 21 Nan Tien Temple visit  
Yr 7 & Primary Students
- 26 Grade summer sport semi finals

#### December

- 2 Library Monitors - Ryde Library  
PBEL & International Students Excursion -  
Luna Park
- 3 Grade summer sport Grand finals
- 4 Orientation Day Yr 7 2014  
Art Exhibition - Opening Night
- 6 Yr 12 Business Studies Ass Task  
Yr 11 & 12 Boatsmart program  
QuickSmart excursion Top Ryde Cinema
- 10 Junior Performers Night
- 11 Sports Assembly
- 13 Presentation Day
- 18 Students last day of term

### P&C Meeting

Tuesday  
26th  
November  
7.30pm  
Library

“An educated population is like a treasure to a particular society or region.” I came across this quote in some reading I was doing recently. I reflected on how this is particularly true in the global community of today. Our young people will be adult citizens and future leaders of our country in the not too distant future. The education that they participate in now and the learning they do, empower them to use the available resources for the upliftment of our community and further afield in global communities. A well educated population of knowledgeable and skilled decision makers always contributes to the well-being of future generations.

As global citizens, young people will need to develop a detailed insight into national and international issues. At Marsden High School we actively promote independent thinking based on knowledge and understanding. At home, take the time to explore and discuss current issues from different perspectives. Important issues are often controversial and young people must learn to be open minded, analytical and reflective and be able to acknowledge that there are often many different perspectives. These skills will enable them to develop well thought out points of view and will assist them in decision making in our democratic society.

What does your child know about prominent current issues such as the carbon tax or the asylum seeker controversy? What about the international spying scandal or corruption issues surrounding former ministers? What are the different perspectives on issues such as this? Who are the stakeholders? Why would different sections of the community hold different views? What is in the best interest of the community nationally? What impacts do decisions have nationally and internationally?

Gus Vrolyk  
Principal

**Great news for Year 9 students!** We are creating a special program to support Year 9 students across the next three years, Years 10-12. The program targets improved academic performance, personal development, leadership and enhanced opportunities for students when they exit Year 12. The program consists of three parts:

1. Focus on academic development and extending academic progress. There will be a '10% on top' program, leadership development opportunities and ongoing development support from Macquarie University.
2. Bridge to Employment program delivered in collaboration with Johnson and Johnson. This targets students to raise their expectations and performance, receive support in goal setting and personal development, as well as access to industry specific training at Johnson and Johnson and provide opportunities to be involved in a mentoring program. Partners include Janssen - Cilag, Macquarie University and TAFE.
3. Focus on developing a successful transition to work through TAFE outreach, work placement and being involved in industry links.

Later this week we will be surveying Year 9 students about their goals, aspirations, areas of strength and areas for development in order to place them in the appropriate support program. More information will be available for parents and students once we have completed this process.

Gus Vrolyk

## GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MARSDEN STUDENTS

Two ex-students from Marsden High School have very kindly offered to support our students with very generous scholarships. Both men have had very successful working lives. John Tuckerman was a stockbroker with RBS Morgans, Newcastle and Kim Williams who was the CEO of News Limited.

The details of the scholarships are as follows:

### **John Tuckerman Pinnacle Scholarships**

John Tuckerman was a dedicated student, a keen cricketer and former school captain of Marsden High School in its early years. These scholarships will be awarded as follows:

2 X three year scholarships worth \$500 per annum will be awarded to Year 8 students in 2014 to follow the students into Year 9 and Year 10

2 X two year scholarships worth \$1000 per annum will be awarded to Year 11 students in 2014 to follow the students into Year 12.

### **Joan and David Williams Scholarship**

Mr Kim Williams is an ex-student of Marsden High School and was the CEO of News Limited. This scholarship is named in honour of his parents, Joan and David Williams, who strongly supported the development of Marsden High School during the 1960's.

**One** scholarship worth \$2000 per annum each, will be awarded to a Year 11 student for 2014 and 2015.

Click on the icons on the Marsden High School website or see Ms Symons in the Careers Office for more details including an application form.

For more information phone Mrs Symons on 9874 6544

The closing date for both scholarships is Friday 29th November 2013.

---

### **Important**

As you will be aware Marsden High School is one of 229 schools involved in the transition to the new NSW Education & Communities Learning Management & Business Reform (LMBR). This new finance system is scheduled to go online on the 18th November.

In order to move to this new system there will need to be a financial transaction free period. This period is currently scheduled between:

**8am, Tuesday 5 November to 5pm, Friday 15th November**

During this period parents and students will **NOT** be able to make payments via direct credit into our bank account or pay by EFTPOS.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding during this period.

---

**Congratulations** to Zane Mestousis for submitting a film to STUFF IT Film Festival Competition. It has been a major labour of love which Zane has experienced as writer, director, editor and so much more. Special thanks for all Marsden High School students for being great actors and additional production crew for Zane's film 'Change By Time'.

TO all teachers, staff, parents, family and friends who have supported Zane with his film from concept to development to submission– Congratulations. We look forward to hearing the results in February 2014 from festival organisers.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Remember back when you started at Marsden High School did you feel anxious, lost, hesitant, relaxed or maybe a little of all of these feelings. We need a dedicated, enthusiastic team of current Marsden students to volunteer for this extremely important role, as buddies for new students. You can earn silver awards for volunteering. So don't be shy sign up. Collect a form from either your Roll Call teacher or the front office



On Wednesday, 23rd October, 16 Business Studies students attended Johnson and Johnson's head office to study Business Operations and Management. This excellent opportunity was part of the '2 realise young peoples potential' program. All students gained valuable insights into possible careers as well as knowledge of how a global business functions.

### **From Careers**

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses need to sit the UMAT on 30 July 2014. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specializing in UMAT preparation. Med Entry offers discounts of 30% for groups, and numerous scholarships. For more information please visit [www.MedEntry.edu.au](http://www.MedEntry.edu.au)

### **Uniform Shop**

Year 7 Orientation day is Wednesday 4th December and once again I need a few volunteers. Anyone able to help from 9am to 11.30am please contact Deb Blumenfeld on 0407 968 453.

Last day open for 2013 is Thursday 12 December and opening Tuesday 28 January 2014 and every morning 8.30am to 10.30am up to and including Friday 31 January 2014. There after normal opening hours of Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am to 10.30am during the term.

### **Discount Shopping Tour**

Reminder bus leaves Marsden High School at 8am on 23 November. Space is still available but immediate payment is required. Contact Deb on 0407 968 453

### **Community News**

- YoungLife Australia summer camp 12-18 January 2014. The Station, Jindabyne NSW. For more information please visit [www.yunglife.org.au](http://www.yunglife.org.au)
- Chinese Parenting Education Workshop for parents of teens, Friday 8 November. For more information call Sue on 9687 9901
- The Kids Are All Right - For articles on teenagers plus a forum for parents of teens go to <http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au>
- Making the most of parent teacher nights: - <http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/schoolandstudy/parent-teacher-nights/>
- Starting high school is tough on parents too: - <http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/parenting/starting-high-school-is-tough-on-parents-too/>
- Poetry in Lillian Fraser Garden, Pennant Hills 3pm on Saturday 16th November