



Marsden Mail

Term 1 Week 8



Principal's Report Term 1 Week 8

Harmony Day

Marsden High School is the perfect example of multiculturalism. Our students speak 40 different languages and come from over 20 countries. They work, play and interact in harmony. If you walked through our playground, at any time, you would see boys playing football, basketball without any dramas and girls sitting around chatting. Our students accept each other wholeheartedly and demonstrate everyday how to live in a multicultural society.

Shave for a Cure

Congratulations to Ms Beryk and the SRC for their organisation of Shave for a Cure Day on Friday 16th March. Some very brave students – Jake Morton, Jordan Amin and Brock Bradford, raised money by having their heads shaved, and Mr Hannah and Mr Aguilera were the generous staff members. Many staff walked around all day wearing colourful wigs to show their support. Money raised was \$730

Meeting the Minister for Education

On Tuesday I attended a lunch at Parliament House because the Member for Parramatta, Mr Geoff Lee, had organised for a number of Principals for schools in the Parramatta electorate to meet with the Minister for Education, Mr Andrew Piccoli, to discuss educational concerns. Issues raised covered pre-school teacher credentials, teacher training at university, future credentialing for teachers and voluntary contributions.

Marine Studies Camp

Congratulations to Mr Bulgin, who has once again organised an outstanding educational experience for our students. The tasks completed by the students truly support their learning by focussing on creativity and collaboration.

Principal Tours

All our local primary schools have received notices and pamphlets that advertise our Principals Tours on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon 4-5pm. These notices will be in their newsletters. I have led 3 of these tours and they are very informative for the parents, prospective students and myself. The students ask perceptive questions and give me their perceptions of our school.



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

Calendar

March

- 18 - 22 Yr 12 Construction work placement
- 18 - 27 Library closed for stocktake
- 20 Yr 7 & Yr 9 boys vaccinations
- 20 Year 11 Work Studies Job interview day
- 20 - 21 WHS white card Induction course
- 21 Harmony Day
Yr 11 Visual Arts excursion to the NSW Art Gallery
- 25 - 27 Yr 7 Camp
- 26 P&C Meeting - AGM
- 28 Marsden cross country

April

- 3 - 12 Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 4 - 5 CHS Swimming Carnival

School holiday dates:

Term 1

Easter break - Good Friday 29th March and Easter Monday 1st April
Last day of term Fri 12 April

Term 2

Students return Wed 1st May
Last day of term Fri 28th June

Term 3

Students return Tues 16th July
Last day of term Fri 20th Sept

Term 4

Students return Tues 8th Oct
Last day of term Wed 18th Dec

Tour of Marsden High School with our Principal

School tours: Thursdays 7th & 21st 4 – 5pm and Wednesday 13th & 27th 4 – 5 pm. Please contact the office to book in for our school tours on 9874 6544

Study Skills

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

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Deputy Principal's Report

Year 7 students are looking forward to their first high school camp held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Many thanks to Ms Sharma for organising this event. Students not attending the camp will attend school as usual.

Year 7 have started to collect information for their imovie on 'A Snapshot in Time' which outlines their experiences in the first six weeks of high school. This and other material will be placed into a time capsule to be opened in 2033 and will also be shown to Year 6 students coming to Marsden in 2014. Year 8 have also begun work on an exciting project based learning unit on Time Machines led by Mr Sarroff. We look forward to seeing examples of their work in term 2

Year 9 will be receiving their netbooks in the near future. Parents will be informed in the next newsletter and by a *take home note* of the information evening at the school where netbooks will be distributed to each child.

Sue Vasilevska

Uniform Shop News

As mentioned in previous newsletters the P&C will subsidise the cost of blazers. Instead of \$150.00 a blazer will cost \$100.00. Also should you wish to return it and it is in good condition and dry cleaned you may receive a \$50.00 refund.

Blazers are now in stock for purchase. A small number is available in most sizes to trial this scheme.

Careers

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2013

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June 9am – 3pm, Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June 10am – 3pm, Sydney Showgrounds, Sydney Olympic Park

The Western Sydney Careers Expo brings together over 120 exhibitors providing information on tertiary and training courses, career and employment opportunities, HSC subjects, study skills and gap year programs. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features 130 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career, employment and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all four days of The Expo. Admission includes seminars.

For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in your local Fairfax Community Newspaper in early June 2013 or westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2013

Thursday 30 May and Friday 31 May, Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June 10am – 3pm, Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park.

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing HSC, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features 120 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all four days of The Expo. Admission includes seminars and The Sydney Morning Herald*. (*while stocks last)

For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in The Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday 28 May or hscandcareers.com.au

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you VERY MUCH to all students. I was very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the students, as were the photographers, and we were able to progress through the day and stay with the very tight schedule.

Thank you to Jessica Wu, Jessica Morgan and Amanda Zerf, as well as Kerryn Nelson for their valued assistance on the day.

When all of the proof checks have been completed over the next 2 weeks, your Year Adviser will receive each of the Photo Packs and distribute these in Roll Call. Should you be away on the day, you will need to see your Year Adviser to collect your Photographs.

Please check that you receive what you have paid for, and see Mr. Simaitis in the art staffroom if there are any issues.

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](http://advancedlife.com.au) via their web site **enquiries@advancedlife.com.au**

Mr. Jim Simaitis
Photography Coordinator
jim.simaitis@det.nsw.edu.au

CONCERT FOR FOR YEAR 7

Report by Yvann Sinson (7 Florey)

On Friday 1st of March a concert was held at John Hagan Hall for the Year 7 students at Marsden High, featuring the school's Performing Ensembles as well as solo items by students from various years.

It all started with the loud, shocking and fantastic song called "Smoke on the Water" by the British rock band Deep Purple, performed by the Concert Band. Mrs Idrus welcomed us to the concert and introduced Macsen Monk from Year 12 who was our host for the show.

Next came two items by very brave solo performers. "Loving You" a 1975 hit single by Minnie Riperton, was sung and played on the piano by Nina Simeon from Year 9 and was followed by "Allemande" a short instrumental piece by J.S. Bach from the 17th century, performed on the piano by Sera Abisaab from Year 7.

A medley of pieces from 'The Lion King' came next, played the by the Concert Band. *The Lion King* is a 1994 American animated [musical film](#) by Walt Disney and the Concert Band sounded like an orchestra. They were followed by Alice Connelly from Year 12 who performed 'Jessica's Song' on the piano, and a 'Minuet' for flute and piano performed by Rita Guo and Sissy Qu from Year 11.

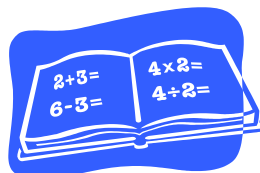
The Vocal Group, eighteen students from Years 7 to 12, accompanied by Ms. Lee on the piano sang "Birth of the Blues" and "Send Down the Rain". Birth of the Blues was written by [Ray Henderson](#) with lyrics by [Buddy G. DeSylva](#) and [Lew Brown](#) in [1926](#). The Vocal Group did a wonderful job singing and looked very confident with their performance.

The Flute Ensemble - Rita Guo, Amelia Woolcott, Jessica Fuchs, Emily Godden, Brooke Seiffert, and Kaye Chen - played their version of "Cutie Flutie" and "Country Gardens". "Country [Gardens](#)" is an English [folk tune](#) collected by [Cecil Sharp](#) and arranged for piano in 1918 by [Percy Grainger](#). The girls, from Years 9, 10 and 11 gave a delightful rendition of these two musical pieces.

Next we were roused by the rock sound of Lockdown, a band from Year 8 who performed "What I've Done" and "Misery". "What I've Done" is a song by American band [Linkin Park](#) and Lockdown ingeniously combined the guitars and the drum to give their own version of the original song. "Misery", by [Good Charlotte](#) comes from the band's fourth album, [Good Morning Revival](#). Great job by Callum Irving and James Bongers on the guitars, Alex Wood on the bass guitar, Hugh McFarlane on lead vocals and Jordan Wass on the drums.

The concert closed with the Big Band playing "Orange Colored Sky" and the "James Bond" movie theme. "Orange Colored Sky" was a [popular song](#) in the [1950s](#). It was sung by Gala Alfaro-Miguel from Year 12 with the sound and style of a professional singer. The "James Bond" movie theme song is the main signature tune of all [James Bond](#) films. The piece has been used as an accompanying [fanfare](#) to the [gun barrel sequence](#) in almost every film. Big Band played it so well that it felt like being in the movies.

The effort and dedication of all the performers was very much enjoyed by the audience and it was great to see some of our fellow Year 7 students already involved in the Vocal Group and the Concert Band. Special mention must go to our excellent compeer, Macsen Monk and the conductor, Mrs Idrus.

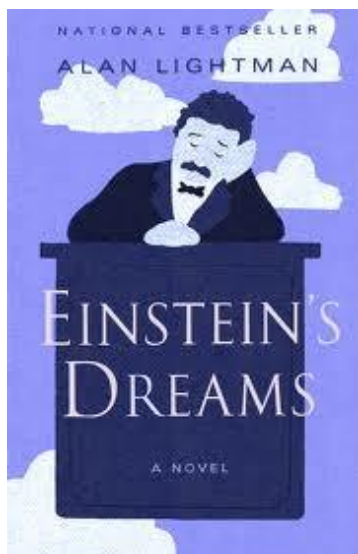


Is your child struggling with homework, finding it difficult to complete assessments?

If your answer is
YES

Marsden is offering a homework support centre,
your child is welcome any morning from 8am in the
school Library

Pinnacle Program



At the commencement of term 2, Year 8 Picasso will commence a project based learning unit entitled, 'Could I be a Time Lord'. The unit involves an across the curriculum approach to dealing with issues related to time travel. For example in Science the ideas of time proposed by Albert Einstein will be investigated, in History the consequences of running into your grandfather, in PDHPE the effects of resistance training on the body and the implications of G-forces and in Hospitality the issues associated with the preparation of food in space.

The unit will culminate in each student preparing curriculum vitae, and having an interview with a selection panel to see if they would be suitable as a Time Lord.

The unit is based on two main texts, Einstein's Dreams by Alan Lightman and Build Your Own Time Machine (The Real Science

of Time Travel) by Brian Clegg. A blog has been set up for this unit; www.adesarrofftimetravel.wordpress.com.

Adrian Sarroff, Science Department.

Australian Reptile Park Report.

A class report by 8 Picasso.



Would you like to lick a cane toad? Have you ever held an alligator? Wondered how heavy a Burmese Python is? All these questions were answered at the reptile show held recently at Marsden High School.

The presenter, Mr. Michael Tate, was enthusiastic, engaging, funny and loved reptiles. He offered some wise advice in handling reptiles; never touch any of the reptiles on the head and never stand in front of an alligator. This was timely advice as the specimens included a giant Lace Monitor Lizard, an albino snake, a cane toad, a Bearded Dragon, a Burmese Python, and an alligator.

The instructor also explained a little about the evolution of vertebrates and the sad extinction of many frogs in the Sydney Basin. His reference to the extinction of the Gastric Brooding Frog was very relevant as the Sydney Morning Herald recently described attempts by scientists to clone this frog using genetic engineering techniques.

Azmin Behjani had the chance to nurse numerous reptiles and broke the ice through his heroic deeds. The toughest task, apart from licking the cane toad, which was performed by Michael Tate, was carried out by Sandy Nguyen (the nursing of a 2-3 m alligator) and Niayesh Jalili (the nursing of the giant Burmese Python).

The session ended with numerous reptiles being allowed to roam the floor of the school hall. This allowed all of Year 7 and Year 8 to interact closely with the reptiles.

School Vaccination Program 2013

Vaccination clinics for students in **Years 7 and 9** will be held on the following dates at Marsden High School.

Friday 7 June 2013

HPV (dose 2) All Year 7 and Year 9 boys

VZV (Chicken Pox) Year 7 only

Wednesday 7 August 2013

dTpa (Boostrix) Year 7 only

Thursday 7 November 2013

HPV (dose 3) All Year 7 and Year 9 boys

Hepatitis B (dose 2) Year 7 only

The booklets for immunisation will be handed out to Year 7 and Year 9 during class time over the next couple of days. If you have any question please contact Amanda Train at school on 9874 6544.

PLEASE NOTE: Year 7 students do not need to be vaccinated for Hep B if they have already been vaccinated as babies. If your child has already handed in their form and they have already been vaccinated for Hep B could they please notify Ms Train.

Library News

The library is a buzz as usual with students finishing assignments, reading and relaxing during recess and lunch. At present we are also finishing stocktake.

Stocktake is very important as it updates our online catalogue, as well as letting us know what resources we have and ensures the library management runs smoothly.

Stocktake will be finished by Good Friday and the Easter break.

Library lessons will continue throughout stocktake.

Library lessons for year 7 classes takes place during the whole year and these students learn about how the library works, how to find information, evaluate information and how to read for enjoyment. The focus is to build on their reading skills as well as the skills they need as 21st Century learners.



Students are doing a practical task of cataloguing items into the appropriate Dewey Decimal area.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge continues and you are now able to log on!! Last year we had two Platinum Award winners which is the highest award for 7 years completion of the challenge.

Log onto the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>

Use your school internet log on and password. It can also be accessed through your student portal at 'Search sites'.

See you in the Library after Stocktake!
Mrs Langelaar Teacher Librarian

Grade Sport Round 4 & 5

Boys touch football 15s

5/3/13 v Concord won 12-5 MVP – A. Matar

12/3/13 v Fort St lost 7-6 MVP – A Cahlin

Boys touch football Opens

v Concord won 12-5 MVP – G. Marshall

v Fort St won 11-4 MVP – M Gordon

Mixed volleyball

5/3/13 v Concord won 2 – 1

MVP – A Safie, J Jung & P Suwan

12/3/13 v Fort St lost 2-1 MVP – S Bray & R Lee

Girls Touch Football

v Concord won 12-0 MVP – L. Monk

v Fort St won 4-0 MVP – L Monk

Events**Information Letter for Parents / Carers from CarbonKids**

Dear Parent / Carer

The school your child attends is registered in the CarbonKids Program, which is a CSIRO initiative with funding support from Bayer. The program is a cooperative venture between schools, CSIRO, Bayer and the community. There are currently 255 schools involved in the program Australia wide. This year marks the 150th anniversary for Bayer.

I am writing to you on behalf of Bayer to invite you and your family to join them in the festivities associated with the Bayer Airship. The airship will be inflated and you will be able to view it up close as well as participate in numerous other activities planned for the morning/evening. There will also be Bayer representatives that you can speak with and complimentary showbags at the event.

Date: March 22 and 27-28**Venue:** Centennial Parklands**Time:** 6:30 to 10 am and 4:30 to 7:30 pm**Cost:** NIL

OR

Date: March 25- 26**Venue:** George Kendall Park Ermington**Time:** 6:30 to 10 am and 4:30 to 7:30 pm**Cost:** NIL

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 02 6276 6474 or nicole.mackey@csiro.au

I hope to meet you there.

Kind regards

Nicole Mackey, Acting CarbonKids Manager.

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Any interested U13 and U14 and U15s players wishing to play Rugby League in the combined NSW ICCC competitions with the Dundas Shamrocks JRLFC

Please contact club on 9874 9033



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Please note there will be a minimum postal charge of \$5 per coin.

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OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS

with children aged 0-18 years

at the West Ryde Community Hall

Are you concerned about your child's development?

Have one on one discussions about your child's development.

Find out about local services that support you and your child, including: **Centrelink, Medicare, Housing, Carers Support, Department of Education, Local Services** and more...

Date Wednesday 27 March 2013
Time 10.00am - 2.00pm
Venue West Ryde Community Hall
3-5 Anthony Road, West Ryde.

For more information call Maria (Hunters Hill Ryde Community Services Social Support Team Leader) on 9817 0101.

Korean and Mandarin interpreters will be at the workshop.
워크샵에는 한국어와 중국어 (만다린) 통역사들이 있을 것입니다.
研讨会上将会有韩文和中文口译员提供协助



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