



# Marsden Mail

Term 4 Week 3

## Principal's Report

In my travels last year to Vietnam as a representative of the Department, it was my pleasure to visit one of the most prestigious schools in Hanoi – Wellspring International School. This school is one of the most modern and largest schools in Northern Vietnam and has excellent learning facilities. It is also unique in that Wellspring is also the only international bilingual school in Vietnam accredited as a Cambridge International School. The language of learning is both English and Vietnamese and the school has boarding facilities. <http://wellspring.edu.vn/introduction/overview.html> The students attending Wellspring have excellent English language skills. As part of its wider learning and student development program, the school is actively seeking foreign schools to partner with to share learning and teaching experiences. Earlier this year, we had a visit from the Principal of the Secondary School, Phan Anh, who is very keen to form a partnership with Marsden.

To that end, we are seeking expressions of interest from families who would be interested in hosting a Vietnamese student from Wellspring for around a fortnight towards the end of term one or the start of term 2 next year. The expectation would be that this student participates in everyday Australian life with the family and attends school at Marsden during the day. They are expecting to send approximately 20 students in Years 9/10. It is not necessary to have equivalent age students in your household, but having high school students at home is a big plus and makes the visit more engaging. We are anticipating that we will be sending a team of our students to Hanoi towards the end of 2016 or early 2017 on a reciprocal visit. Students who have hosted will, of course get first preference for this excursion. This would be a fantastic experience and because of the cost effectiveness of travel to southeast Asia, relatively inexpensive.

If you are interested in hosting and would like more information, please email the school on [marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Gus Vrolyk  
Principal



**Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Library at 7:30pm**

### P&C

President: Marlicia Travis  
Treasurer: Andrew Dismorr  
Secretary: Karen Seifert

Secretary email: [marsdenpnc@gmail.com](mailto:marsdenpnc@gmail.com)  
Meeting in school library, last Tuesday of every month, school terms.

Minutes of meeting available from secretary on request.

## Calendar

### October

6-30 Year 7, 8 & 9 exams  
12-30 HSC exams  
22-30 Yr 11 Outdoor Rec Camp – Lithgow  
27 P&C Meeting  
30 GRIP Leadership Camp

### November

2-6 HSC exams  
2-13 Yr 8 exams  
2-6 Yr 9 exams  
2-6 Yr 10 exams  
4 Yr 12 Signout Day  
5-6 SRC Leadership Camp  
5 Yr 7 & 8 immunisation  
9-17 Yr 8 VALID science test  
12-13 ATSI Camp  
16-17 International students camp  
18 Yr 10 concert  
19-20 Society & Culture overnight excursion  
19-20 Duke of Ed Camp  
23 Yr 7 – 9 Koorimurri Cultural day  
23-27 Australian Business Week  
23-27 Yr 12 Construction work placement  
23-30 Art Exhibition  
24 Yr 7 & 8 Swimming  
24 P&C meeting  
27 Dance excursion to School Spectacular

### December

1 Yr 7 & 8 Swimming  
2 Junior Performers Night  
3-5 Stage 5 History Interstate trip  
3 Yr 7 2016 Orientation Day  
8 Yr 7 & 8 Swimming  
9 Sports Assembly  
11 Presentation Day  
14 Stage 4 & 5 Assembly  
15 J&J Yr 11 Luna Park excursion

### School holiday dates:

#### Term 4

Students start Tues 6 Oct  
Last day of term Wed 16 Dec

## Deputy Principal's Report Year 12 2015

Farewelling Year 12 is always a happy/sad event. We are happy that they have achieved their HSC, but sad to see them leave.

The **Graduation Assembly** was a fitting farewell to our Year 12 students. They conducted themselves with the usual grace that we have come to expect of Marsden students. The teachers often feel as much pride as the parents do in watching their students take to the stage to receive their awards and portfolios.

On their last night we held the **Year 12 School Dinner** at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. The dinner was attended by students, parents and teachers. It was a happy night, the students looked amazing and there were many proud parents taking photos. A special thanks to the mothers behind the organisation of this wonderful night Michelle Mestousis, Anne Morton and Vanessa Di Loreto. Special thanks to Mrs Train (who stepped in as Year Adviser for Year 12 when Ms Samuel took a transfer closer to home) for all her work throughout the last year and in particular over the last few months.

Year 12 students are currently in the midst of their **HSC exams**. It has been very gratifying for teachers to see the HSC papers and to hear from students that they are feeling well prepared for these very important exams. It is certainly worth all the hours of preparation and study to go in to the exams knowing your work and feeling quietly confident. Best wishes Year 12. We look forward to your **results on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**.



### Sign out day

As one Year 12 group complete their studies another group of Year 12 students begin their HSC journey. In order to assist the new Year 12 students with

**textbooks and library books** we require Year 12 2015 to return theirs, so that we can reissue them. Students need to bring all school equipment along on the Sign Out Day on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am in the Common Room.**



As laptops are no longer provided for students we also ask that you kindly donate your **DEC laptop** to the school for less privileged junior students to use. Students should take all information off their laptops before they hand them in. If they come to us with files they will be automatically removed before being given to junior students.

If students have any uniform items that are in good condition, it would be greatly appreciated if they would donate them on the same day that they return their textbooks and sign out.

Items in high demand by some of our students include school shoes, shirts, ties, trousers, skirts and jumpers/jackets. Such donations would be greatly appreciated.



### **Congratulations Axel**

We would like to congratulate Axel Cahlin (Year 12, 2015) who has been selected to play in the NSW Under19 National Cricket Championships in Adelaide in November. Axel is a particularly impressive young man who has admirably managed to juggle his representative cricket commitments with outstanding classroom success. We wish him well in his future endeavours and look forward to following his career both on and off the pitch.

### **Year 12 2015/16**

As the Year 12 course begins at the commencement of Term 4, we no sooner say goodbye to one cohort before we begin the HSC journey with another group of eager students. In reading the Year 11 yearly reports over the past week, I am heartened that we have another group of keen students eager to achieve good results.

It was wonderful to see the students and families that attended the **Year 12 Information Evening** on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to hear about all the rules, regulations, expectations and tips for how to achieve in the HSC. It is always more difficult to play the HSC game if you don't understand all the rules and options.

Ms Waters is currently interviewing all the new Year 12 students individually to determine what progress they have made during Year 11 and to set some **goals for study and for tertiary education**. We believe that having a realistic purpose and goals to work towards will give you a good reason to study.

Can I remind Year 12 students that we have employed four outstanding ex Marsden students to provide advice and **tutoring assistance** in the library. Emily Godden (Mondays), Jack Willis and Nina Kendall (Wednesdays) and Lincoln Jiang (Fridays) are there to assist you in your study. Please make the most of this very valuable resource. Also, can I remind Year 12 to let me know if they are experiencing any difficulty or would like help in any area of study.

**Sheryn Symons**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Marsden Students Shine

The second Chinese language talent performance by students from across NSW the 2015 Chinese Language Spectacular was held at Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday 14 October. This talent performance was co-ordinated by the Chinese Language Teachers Association NSW and the Confucius Institute at UNSW Australia.

Over 700 students from 32 schools and universities in NSW put on a stunning line-up of 22 Chinese language and cultural performances including a dragon dance, martial arts, songs and Chinese folk dances. Marsden High School students participated in many aspects of the performance and had the opportunity to meet and work with students from around NSW. The performance was warmly welcomed and won rounds of applause from the audience.

Ying Tang, the Deputy Consul-General, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China based in Sydney, praised the outstanding achievement students made in their Chinese language learning and said that he believed that these student performers would be the cultural ambassadors of tomorrow. Professor Iain Martin, the Vice-President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the University of NSW emphasised in his speech the important role Chinese language plays in Sino-Australian economic and cultural exchanges and encouraged students to learn Chinese language and better understand China.

What made the 2015 NSW Chinese Language Spectacular so impressive and deeply connected with Chinese culture was seeing students recite and sing new songs written by Jianfen Gu, a renowned Chinese composer. Learning and singing these songs helps to improve students' Chinese pronunciation and intonation and deepens their understanding of Chinese history and culture.

Tina Mo  
Chinese Teacher



## Sport Information for Term 4

A huge congratulations to Alex Lee from Year 7 who recently won the Australian Junior Table Tennis Championships. Alex is extremely talented and has displayed a high level of commitment to his sport. We look forward to Alex representing Marsden High School at the upcoming Bennelong Cup.

Year 7 and 8 will be attending Swim School on November 24th, December 1st and December 8th. This year the program will take place at Macquarie University Pool. Swimming is a vital skill for all Australians as we are surrounded by water therefore participation in the Swim School program is of the upmost benefit.

Summer Grade Sport continues this term with our boys and girls teams competing in touch football in both the 15s and Opens competitions. The semi finals and Grand finals will be held in early December.

## Library News

We have started this term preparing a joint project with your SRC to sell some of our older books. Keep tuned for more details.

The CLOSING date for entries in our BOOK WEEK Mystery Book Review and coloring in competition is FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 Time is running out so start reading and writing your Book Review as well as finishing off your coloring in masterpieces. There are wonderful book prizes to be won and the bonus of publication in the Newsletter.

HALLOWEEN is on October 31 and your Library has prepared some especially scary and supernatural books for you to borrow. Our display also has information on the history of Halloween and why it is celebrated. So come up and have a browse and pick up a free scary book mark. If you dare!

Halloween Joke: How do you make a witch itch? Take away her 'W'.

I would like to introduce our Library Volunteer Sieun. Sieun has volunteered her time on Fridays in our school Library. We really appreciate all our Library volunteers and we would like to thank Sieun for helping out in the library. Sieun has just completed her Library Technicians course at TAFE and is enjoying the experience of working in a School Library. Here Is Sieun hard at work covering our new study guides.

We hope to see you all in the Library soon and remember we are here to help you

Library Team: Mrs Knight Library Assistant and Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian



## Careers

Last term, thirty students from Year 12 successfully completed a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course at school, enabling them to become accredited and ready to work in the hospitality industry. A number of those students also went to Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL Club and completed a Responsible Certificate of Gambling (RCG) course, further enhancing their skills and understanding of hospitality. Well done to those students who participated!

Year 10 Work Experience – Week 9, Term 4.

A second opportunity for Year 10 students to undertake work experience will be available in Week 9 of this term, after their exams. Those students wishing to learn new skills, meet new people, have an addition to their resume and gain an insight into possible future career options, please see the Career Office for a Work Experience form.

## YEAR 9 - ROOKWOOD CEMETERY: HIDDEN ART EXHIBITION

This excursion at 'The Hidden Art Exhibition' came as a great opportunity to view some art. Why wouldn't you want to go to this exhibition? It was free with free food including unlimited muffins, cookies, fruit and drinks.



Aside from that, the main reason was for the art. This exhibition was full of sculptures and pieces of art that were very photogenic and great to learn from. As this sculpture walk was through a cemetery most of the art was in and around graves. This allowed the artists to place them as they want, as shown in image shown above by Karen Golland called the Nature of things made out of pompoms. Some of these artworks have also been in other exhibitions including the well-known, Sculptures by the Sea.

A couple of examples of art that our group viewed ranged from knitted plants, to salt disintegrating on stone balls and statues, antique wooden boxes filled with weird and wacky stuff, webs made from slick porcelain and even interactive black boxes trying to imitate black coffins. The day was great and anybody who gets the opportunity to go to the HIDDEN exhibition at Rookwood Cemetery should go!

Lexie Halfpenny





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# HSC & TPC 2016

## Course Information Evening

**Wednesday 11 November 2015, 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

**Ground Floor, Building J (Cameraygal) - St Leonards Campus, 213 Pacific Highway, St Leonards**

The Prevocational Studies Section will once again be offering students the opportunity of studying units in the Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation (TPC) and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) in 2016.

We encourage potential students and their parents/guardians to attend the information session where both HSC and TPC options will be discussed. School Career Advisors and teaching staff are welcome to attend also. Timetables and course information will be available at this session.

Our Teaching staff will be available on the night to answer any questions you may have about both these Year 12 equivalent courses.

**For more information, please contact Colin Frederick**

**ph 9942 0713 or [colin.frederick@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:colin.frederick@tafensw.edu.au)**

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11:30am	Short Break
12pm	HSC English Presentation OR Parent Q&A seminar
12:45pm	"Secrets to HSC Success – Working smarter, not harder"
1:15pm	Mathematics Seminars (Mathematics or Mathematics General 2)

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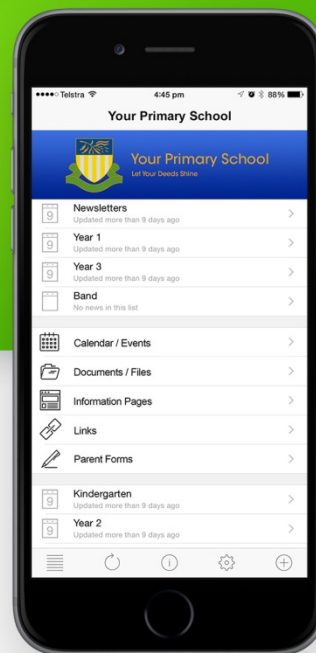
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