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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

by Mr. Berry

"Be the type of person you want to meet"
- Anonymous

THANK YOU!:

As this is the final newsletter for 2017 I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for your immense contribution to our school. 2017 has been a fantastic year! Our school community has achieved outstanding results academically, through sports, culturally in Creative and Performing Arts, wellbeing and leadership.



HOW GOOD ARE OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS?!

Our HSC results were released Thursday December 14 and we are really proud of our year 12 2017 cohort:

* 9 % of the individual results were Band 6 (90 – 100)

* 28 % of the individual results were Band 5 (80 – 89)

* 33% of the individual results were Band 4 (70 – 79)

70% of our student's individual results were either Band 4, 5 or 6 which is a 5% increase on last year's results. Whilst we did stagnate at 9% for individual results across Band 6 (equal to last year), we achieved 28% of individual results in Band 5 showing a 5% an increase when compared to last year. Further good news is that 19% of student's individual results were Band 3, which is an 8% decrease on last year. However, there is always room for a little improvement and the area we still need to work on is the 11% of individual results across Bands 1 and 2.

Overall the results are amazing and we are delighted with our students' achievements. They show significant improvement over 2016 and 2015, where we achieved 55% of individual results greater than Band 4. Since 2015 we have improved by an impressive 15%, moving the middle results upwards so that now 70% of individual results are Bands 4, 5 or 6.

I want to congratulate Year 12 and their teachers on the fabulous results.

A QUICK SUMMARY OF THE YEAR THAT WAS 2017:

2017 saw an unprecedented focus on 21st Century teaching and learning in our classrooms with the emphasis upon Chromebooks and Google drive. Student wellbeing was supported through structured mentoring programs delivered by RAISE, PCYC and Creating Chances. Our student leaders and staff worked on a whole school scale celebrating Harmony Day, Beyond Blue and White Ribbon Day. PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning) was a large part of our year as we re-introduced the program, including signage around the school, professional learning for our teachers, lessons on a Friday around key parts of wellbeing, organisation and socialisation; all of which are essential parts of the solution focussed model.

Transition for our students coming into high school was supported by *WINGS*, *taster lessons*, *Science Club and Gala Days*. The *PINNACLE* (GAT) team provided opportunities for our Year 7 2018 students by holding challenges over a number of days. The current *PINNACLE* students were tested in a variety of hands on activities and our *PINNACLE* showcases; with the year ending with the '*Pinnacle: An Evening with the Famous*', a unique and provocative evening where students dressed as their favourite famous character and spoke to those in the audience about why their character was inspirational. Our *S.T.E.M Team* were focussed upon the delivery of our *S.T.E.M* curriculum in Year 8 ensuring students were engaged in a variety of real world problem solving challenges.

Not excluding the importance of any of the other fantastic programs which ran throughout the year, in the last month alone, the following very successful programs were participated in by students, teacher and parents: *Australian Business Week for Year 10 students*, *Sports Assembly*, *Pink Stumps Cricket Challenge*, *Work Experience*, *Robotics*, *MADD Night*, *White Ribbon Day*, *Presentation Evening*, *Settling into High School Parent Presentation*, *Galileo Project Evening*, *Personal Best Assembly*, *Orientation Day* and *Chromebook/Google Classroom Information Evenings*. We look forward to Tuesday's *Sports Assembly* and Year 12 2017 '*Back to school*' *Morning Tea* on Friday December 18.

REPORTS:

Yearly Reports for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were distributed over this last week. So you are aware, when students are given their reports, we have then read them in silence in year groups and complete a reflection of their strengths and areas for development. The emphasis upon the reflection is to get students to set goals for the upcoming year to focus upon. These are used by Year Adviser's and others throughout the year to assist students further in achieving their personal best at school.

I urge you to add the next layer of evaluation and support, by reading through the reports with your child and compare the results with those received at the end of Term 2 this year. Ask your child what their goals for 2018 are, and as necessary discuss and rework these so they reflect a realistic direction. Hopefully, you will notice an improvement in skills and understandings. Throughout the year students have been encouraged to perform at their personal best and the report is one of the most telling indicators of that improvement. If you are concerned about anything on the reports please don't hesitate to contact the school and speak to the Year Adviser or Faculty Head Teacher for any subject results of concern.

GETTING OUR FIRE DAMAGE SORTED:

Whilst nothing too obvious has been happening in the fire affected areas of the school, lots has been happening behind the scenes. Engineers have been busy testing and planning for the repair work to start early into the new year. For those of you unaware, the cause of the fire was an electrical fault; this was determined by the nature of the motion sensor activations. We are hoping to have the school back into full operation towards the tail end of next year.

MANAGING DEPRESSION IN CHILDREN :

One in four kids over the age of 12 has significant depressive symptoms. For girls, depression generally appears between the ages of 11 through to about 14. For boys, depression generally appears between 12 and 16.

Signs your child may be suffering from depression - If you see a number of these problems starting to develop, it's time to ask the question, could this be a more significant emotional disturbance than general teenage moodiness or attitude?

- A persistently bad, often irritable mood
- Withdrawal
- Not experiencing pleasure
- Not reacting to the environment the same way
- Sleep disturbance
- Changes in behaviour, changes in sleep

and appetite, and the persistence of that state for more than a few days in a row, typically for some weeks

- Doing badly at school
- Not joining in with other social activities with other kids and withdrawing from peers
- Abusing drugs and alcohol
- Self-harm.

PODCAST: Go to the **School A to Z** website and listen to brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chat with James O'Loughlin on helping kids beat the blues. (There is also a transcription of the conversation.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU:

Once again, the students at Marsden High School have shown why we are the school of choice for so many families living in the local area; it's the mature and responsible way our students apply themselves in achieving their personal best and present themselves. Similarly, their caring and empathetic natures, along with their strong sense of social justice make me proud to be associated with Marsden High School. They are a very special group of young men and women.

At this point the staff deserve a special mention as they put the finishing touches to the reports and programs they have slaved over for the past twelve months. I am so proud of the efforts and achievements of our teachers. You could not find a more dedicated or hard working group of professionals, from the SASS Staff through to the Deputy Principals, they continue to impress and outshine others in their field.

Finally, to the parents and carers, you also rate a huge thank you for your support and advice regarding the extremely important job of educating and nurturing your children. Along with your children, you are the reason we come to work every day. Each day you make us feel welcome and valued as we take on our roles in your lives. You entrust us with your most prized possession/s and we thank you for giving us that privilege. Thank you and have a safe and very Merry Christmas and a fabulous holiday! See you in 2018!

Mr. Berry | Principal

B.Y.O.B NEWS | WARRANTY ISSUES WITH BYOD HP CHROMEBOOK

If you have any warranty issues with the HP Chromebook purchased through the HP Portal please contact John Evans and we can arrange to have it fixed on site.

Non-Warranty repairs such as broken screens and key boards can be repaired at the customers expense.

You can choose to contact the follow repairers to obtain quotes:

* HP Online

* PC MAC Repairs 0419 259 278 - Repaired onsite or at the store

LIBRARY NEWS:

This week the Library staff, Mrs Knight and myself, took the Library monitors on an excursion to Parramatta City library. This was very exciting, as Parramatta Library is brand new and state of the Art. We noticed that lots of services and resources are the same, such as HSC Study guides and the latest fiction, but there were also many differences. Parramatta City Library is a Public Library so it must cater for all the community of Parramatta. Marsden High School Library is a specialist library for students from Year 7 to Year 12. This means that its resources cater for the school community of students as well as offering resources on Information and Digital Literacy and the teaching of these skills to Marsden High School teachers.

All had a good time. Our Library Monitors volunteer their own time to support the Library and ensure it runs at its full potential.

We thank all our Library Monitors for their help this year.

Mrs Knight and I wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday with your families.

See you in 2018.

Thank you,

Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian



STATIONERY NEEDS FOR YEARS 7-12:

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All students will need pens (blue, black & red), pencils, ruler, gluestick, eraser, scissors, coloured pencils, highlighters, calculator and a usb (2gb should cover most subjects). 5 subject books are not acceptable for English

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
English	96 or 128 page/A4 (qty 2)	96 or 128 page/A4 (qty 2)	96 or 128 page/A4 (qty 2)	96 or 128 page/A4 (qty 2)
Drama			Log book (art journal or exercise book 96 page/A4	
Geography	128 page/A4	128 page/A4	128 page/A4	128 page/A4
History	N/A	128 page/A4	128 page/A4	128 page/A4
Science	250 Spirax bound book	192 or 240 page/A4 (with ruled margins, not spiral bound)	192 or 240 page/A4 (with ruled margins, not spiral bound)	192 or 240 page/A4 (with ruled margins, not spiral bound)
Food Technology (9&10)	N/A	N/A	128 page/A4 White apron	128 page/A4 White apron
Tech Mandatory (7&8) Food Technology Textiles Woodwork	A4 display folder White apron Display folder booklet provided	128 page/A4 White apron Display folder booklet provided	N/A	N/A
Engineering (ITE)	N/A	N/A	usb (mandatory)	usb (mandatory)
PDHPE	Display folder	Display folder	128 page/A4	128 page/A4
PASS	N/A	N/A	128 page/A4	128 page/A4
SLR	N/A	N/A		
Music	Booklet provided	Booklet provided	Booklet provided	Booklet provided
Ind. Tech Building & Construction	N/A	N/A	Booklet provided	Booklet provided
Visual Arts	A4 Visual Arts Diary Navy apron	A4 Visual Arts Diary Navy apron	A4 Visual Arts Diary Navy apron	A4 Visual Arts Diary Navy apron
Languages	96 page/A4	N/A	N/A	
Commerce	N/A	N/A	128 page/A4	N/A
Information software Technology	usb (mandatory)	usb (mandatory)	8GB usb 48page exercise book Display folder	8GB usb 48page exercise book Display folder
Maths	196 page grid/A4 Casio fx-82AU Plus II calculator available for \$20 at front office Geometry Set – limited sets available MHS	196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2) Protractor Compass Set Square Display folder Casio fx-82AU Plus II calculator- available for \$20 at front office	196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2) Protractor Compass Set Square Display folder Casio fx-82AU Plus II calculator- available for \$20 at front office	196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2) Protractor Compass Set Square Display folder Casio fx-82AU Plus II calculator- available for \$20 at front office
Maths Elective			196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2)	196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2)

Note: Navy and White Aprons, Calculators and a limited number of Geometry Sets are available from Marsden High School

Years 11 and 12 use loose leaf folders for most of their work.

Subject	Year 11	Year 12
Mathematics, General Mathematics, Ext 1 & Ext 2	196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2) Protractor Compass Set Square Display folder Casio fx-82AU Plus II calculator- available for \$20 at front office	196page/A4 Maths grid books (qty 2) Protractor Compass Set Square Display folder Casio fx-82AU Plus II calculator- available for \$20 at front office
Software Design & Development	16GB usb Display folder	16GB usb Display folder
Information processing Technology	8GB usb Display folder	8GB usb Display folder
Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary	Visual Arts Process Diary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



REMINDER:
Our uniform shop will be open on
Monday, 18 December
8:30-10:30am

Our uniform shop will be open on

Monday, 18 December 2017 from 8:30am - 10:30am.

Stop by for your last chance to purchase school uniforms and accessories for 2017.

We will re-open in the new year. Please follow us on Facebook @MarsdenHS for updates.

Our normal trading hours during school terms are;

TUESDAYS 8:30AM - 10:30AM
WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM - 10:30AM

JANUARY 30:

School returns for Years 7, 11 & 12

JANUARY 31::

School returns for Years 8, 9 & 10.

OPEN NIGHT 2018:

A promotional poster for an Open Night event. On the right, a young woman in a green school blazer and tie is smiling. The background is light grey with several green and black speech bubbles containing text: 'OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES', 'S.T.E.M', 'ROBOTICS', 'ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE', 'CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS', 'DEBATING', and 'TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM'. At the bottom left is the Marsden High School crest. In the top right corner, contact information for Marsden High School is listed: 'MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL', 'WINBOURNE ST, WEST RYDE', 'P: 9874 6544', and 'WWW.MARSDEN-H.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU'. A large green speech bubble on the right contains the event details: 'OPEN NIGHT', '6 MARCH, 2018', and '4:00 - 7:00PM'. In the bottom right corner, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, along with the handle '@MARSDENHS'.

THE 25TH CAROLS ON THE COMMON - CAROLS & FIREWORKS IN NORTH RYDE:

Join us for an authentic carols experience at Sydney's second largest Christmas Carols in the heart of Ryde.

The 25th annual Carols on the Common kicks off on SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER at 5:30 pm with live entertainment and Carols begin at 8 pm. The night ends with a firework display at 9:15 pm.

Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket and some nibbles! Food will be sold by a range of food vendors on the night. Rotary will also be running a fundraising sausage sizzle. Rides, face-painting and other amusements will be available from 5:00 pm onwards. It's best to bring cash, as cards may not always be accepted.

Money raised on the night goes to worthy causes such as ROMAC - an organisation bringing sick and ill children from nations all over the world for life changing surgery in Australia. With your help we can raise over \$10 000 this year for ROMAC alone.

Schedule:

From 5:00 pm : Food and sideshow activities available
5:30 pm : Live entertainment begins
8:00 pm : Carols begin
9:10 pm : Santa Claus arrives!
9:15 pm : Firework display

Performances:

5:30pm : Royal Rehab Lifestyle Choir
6:00pm : Angklung IndoSydney 16 Choir
6:10pm : Sing Star Competition Winners
6:20pm : Santa Claus & Teen Queen Jane Meney
6:30pm : Macquarie Singers
7:10pm : The Edge Dance Centre
7:40pm : ROMAC Bucket Collection
8:00pm : Carols led by : Roseanna Gallo, Cheryn Vlazny, Eleanor Taig, John Smolders, Isabella Forte & Stefan Sodja.
Accompanied by Leichhardt Celebrity Brass and Macquarie Performing Arts Dancers.

Getting there:

Rotary Carols on the Common is held at the North Ryde Common (Cnr Twin Rd and Wicks Rd, North Ryde). Parking is available on-site and in surrounding streets.

Amenities such as food, drinks and bathrooms are all located on-site.

Parking is available on-site for a small donation. Be sure to get there early, as this usually fills by 6 pm. Entry to parking is via Wicks Rd. Additional parking is available in the neighbouring streets.

ERMINGTON SCOUTS | GET OUT THERE AND GET INVOLVED!:

The 1st Ermington Scout Group is now taking new members into our Thursday evening Scout Section (ages from 11-14 years old). We welcome both girls and guys looking for something new or different to come and give us a try.

We provide fun, games, friendship, training, camaraderie, outdoors and other challenging experiences to encourage our members to do their best, work with others and prepare them for life. Scouts encourage development through youth-led involvement.

Youth are guided by adult Leaders, who undertake a comprehensive training program. All Leaders are required to hold a current Working With Children Check. You are important to us and we allow our youth the chance to socialise and work together in a safe environment.

Our hall is located on the corner of Kissing Point Road and Bartlett Street in Ermington. We normally only operate during Public School terms.

Not sure if we are right for you? We can offer a free 4 week trial to our regular weekly meetings for any youth who is new to Scouting and is interested in joining our Scout Section. For more information about our Group including our policies and fees, contact us by visiting our website or check out our Facebook page to see what types of activities we do.

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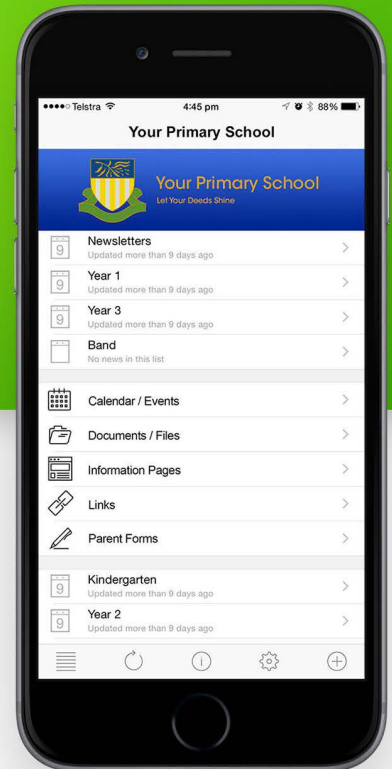


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OPEN NIGHT

6 MARCH, 2018

4:00 - 7:00PM



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Saturday 3rd February 2018 10am-1pm
Curtis Oval, Yates Avenue, Dundas Valley

Don't forget to register for the
\$100 'Active Kids Rebate'
Link can be found on our website
or at the time of registering on
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Contact-

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SUMMER CAMP 2018

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Who: Years 9-12


When: 14-20 January 2018

Where: The Station, Jindabyne

Early Bird Cost: \$460 + transport

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For more information contact Holly at hollylim@younglife.org.au

