

# MARSDEN MAIL

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR MARSDEN HIGH SCHOOL

*The best preparation for tomorrow is*

## DOING YOUR BEST TODAY

*- H. Jackson Brown Jnr.*

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

by Mr. Berry

#### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT:

Have you ever heard the phrase “practice makes perfect?” The thing is it’s true. If you thought back to a time when you were learning something new whether it’s a musical instrument, a new sport or a new game - practising a little every day improves your skills. When you practise, you use your skills and you build on them. Simply put, you get better with practice.

Having just read student reports it’s evident that the students who practise their skills are the students who are reaching their goals. By deliberately practising you get better at doing it, which increases the odds that you will be successful at it when it matters. The other

# UPCOMING

## DATES:

### Wed. 13 - Fri. 15 June

Year 11 Crossroads Camp  
Fitzroy Falls

### Friday 22 June

Year 12 Parent Breakfast

### Monday 26 June

Central Parent Portal open for  
Parent Teacher Interview bookings

### Tuesday 26 June

P&C Meeting  
School Library 7:30pm

### Wednesday 27 June

Murder at the Manor – School Play  
John Hagan Hall 7:30pm

### Thursday 28 June

Murder at the Manor – School Play  
John Hagan Hall 7:30pm

### Saturday 30 June

Robotics Fundraising BBQ  
Bunnings Rydalmere

## NOTICE:

### Year 10 Vaccination Catch Up Session:

A catch up vaccination session will take place in Term 3 for any student who was absent or did not return a signed vaccination note for the session last Thursday 7 June.

If any student has misplaced their note please see Ms van der Kley in the HSIE staffroom.

rewarding thing is that you start to replace your old habits with new ones.

It's important to remember that when you are trying out something new, it is best to practise that skill when the stakes aren't too high. You wouldn't want to debut your newly acquired singing skills at a school performance without considerable practice! Instead, practise a new skill when the pressure is low, so you can get used to it and fine-tune it in relative comfort. Then, you'll know just what to do when you really need it later.

Practice helps you replace old habits with new ones. So if you are setting a goal for yourself – try some new strategies to achieve them. Recent research has shown that our brains hold onto our old ways of thinking. Old neural pathways or habits remain ready to be relaunched if we don't give our brains a different choice. However, every time we respond differently to a familiar situation, or try to, we forge new neural pathways on top of the old ones. The more we practise, the stronger the new pathway gets, and the weaker the old one becomes. So, by practising new skills, you are creating new habits.

Practice can be the one gap you have to close between yourself and the achievement of your goals – it might be the one thing holding you back. Try and take another look at practice. Practice is tangible. Practice is something you can hold on to. You can count on it. You can timetable it. You can plan it. You can commit to it. You can return to it anytime.

So whatever your goals or aspirations build a consistent, unshakable practice around it. You'll be surprised where it might take you.

## SEMESTER ONE ASSESSMENTS:

We are drawing near the end of Semester One's assessing/reporting time period. With Year 10 being the last group to sit exams this week. I have been very impressed with the diligence and aptitude demonstrated by the vast majority of Marsden students. After chatting with students, many have strong study habits, are utilising study timetables and are clearly making time for revision in the lead up to their exams.

## YEAR 12 UPDATE:

Year 12 received their second last reports for high school this week. A targeted report reflection session was held where students were encouraged to look at their progress, match it with their goals, evaluate their progress and set up targets for improvement.

Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations will be taking place in Weeks 3 and 4 of next term. It is imperative students make valuable use of their time during the weeks ahead and upcoming holiday break in order to adequately prepare for these exams. The Marsden staff are planning holiday workshops for added academic support and I urge all students to make use of these wonderful opportunities. Similarly, those students working on practical projects, major works and performances really need to put in the extra effort during this time in order to meet their Term 3 deadlines.

Good luck to Year 12 and their parents and carers during this stressful time.

## TEN HABITS OF SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS:

**1. Get Organised.** Making a plan for what you're going to do and when you are going to do it will ensure you are always well prepared.

**2. Don't multitask.** Studies have shown that multitasking is physically impossible. Switch off the social media, the phone and any other distractions and focus on the task in front of you.

**3. Divide it up.** Studying isn't fun to begin with, and forcing yourself through a study marathon will only make it worse. Dividing your work into manageable chunks and rewarding yourself when you finish each chunk will make studying more enjoyable and satisfying.

**4. Sleep.** Don't underestimate the importance of those eight hours of zzz's every night! Getting a good night's rest will sharpen your focus and improve your working memory.

**5. Create a schedule/study plan.** Do you work better right after school or after you've eaten dinner? Are you more productive in 90-minute blocks or half-hour spurts? Find a schedule that works for you, and stick to it.

**6. Take notes.** Taking notes will not only keep you more engaged during class, but will also help you identify what you need to study when exam time comes along. It's much easier to reread your notes than to reread your entire textbook or resources you have collected!

**7. Study.** This one might be obvious, but did you know that there's a right and a wrong way to study? Review your material several days ahead of time, in small chunks, and in different manners (for example, write flashcards one day and take practice tests the next).

**8. Manage your study space.** Find a place that will maximize your productivity. Look for places away from the television and other distractions. Whether it's your local library or just the desk in your bedroom, set aside a study space that you'll want to spend time in.

**9. Find a study group.** Sitting down with a group of people who are learning the same subject(s) as you is a great way to revise course content or prepare for a big test. You can quiz each other, review material, and make sure that everyone is on the same page. After all, teaching someone else is the best way to learn.

**10. Ask questions.** Don't be afraid to ask for help – ask a teacher, a tutor or your friends as it is an essential way to make sure you truly understand the material. Your teacher is your greatest resource!!

### COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL:

If you are concerned with your child/ward's progress or simply haven't heard anything and are wondering how they are progressing, please don't hesitate to contact us. High Schools try their best to communicate with parents though we do find ourselves challenged with time to do this effectively. It is best to contact your child's teacher or relevant year adviser by calling or emailing the school office.

Ph: 9874 6544  
marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
Our Year Advisers are:

Year 7 – Jessica Rubbo  
Year 8 – Arash Atah  
Year 9 – Gaya Athithan  
Year 10 – Rachel Bugeja  
Year 11 – Nicholas Milner  
Year 12 – Reema Sharma

Other ways we communicate with both parents and students are:

**School Enews App** – used for push notifications and latest information updates. To download the School Enews app follow these steps:

1. Open the App Store/Play Store/Windows Store and search for "Enews".
2. Download the "School Enews" app.
3. Open the app and search for Marsden High School.
4. Press the "Settings" icon to configure push notification alerts

**School website:**  
[marsden-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://marsden-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)



**Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/MarsdenHS](http://www.facebook.com/MarsdenHS)



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### ROBOTICS IS FLOURISHING AT MARSDEN:

One of the key programs operating at Marsden, which really impressed me when I arrived as Principal, was Robotics. Two years down the track and the program is stronger than ever. Students will be operating a different type of robot this year. We have 2 teams competing in the First Tech Challenge later this year. Each team is expected to do fundraising as part of the program and we are lucky to have a wonderful parent committee that have organised these events for the team. The first team fundraising event will be a **Bunnings BBQ at Rydalmere Bunnings**, so come and purchase a sausage sizzle on **Saturday 30 June**.

A special thanks to Mrs Sellar for her hard work and support of the team. The teachers running the Robotics program are Ms Brennan, Mr Fowler, Mr Hannah and Ms Chu.

### SIMPLE LITERACY TIPS TO IMPROVE READING:



Reading is an important life skill fundamental to helping with school study. The following are some simple tips to help your child improve their reading effectiveness:

- Encourage your child to read at the same time each day. This may be in the evening before they go to sleep. Students should read a variety of text types such as novels, short stories, newspapers and magazines.



- If your child does not understand a word, have them look up the meaning and use it in a sentence.
- Share your love of reading by discussing your favourite book at their age.
- Ask your child questions about what they're reading. This could include describing the character, explaining the plot and discussing what they have learnt from the book.
- If your child really enjoyed a particular book, they should research the author to find out why the book was written and what other books might interest them.

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN RECENT WEEKS:



All students rehearsing for the 'Murder at the Manor':

*Phoebe B., Jonah B., Rebecca B., Rebecca C., Oscar E., Harley K., Hamish M., Caleb R. and John V.*

The Synergy Dance ensemble performing at Penrith:

*Rebecca B., Anthea X., Taline A., Amy D., Montana D., Rebecca C., Lucy M., Milla M., Keisha T., TJ A., Jessica D., Jasmine K., Hannah L., Jessica G. and Kelsey A.*

ROBOTICS team for their ongoing efforts in preparation for upcoming competitions:

*Kevin Y., Owen C., Marcel S., Caleb H., Smit S., Alonso B., Llewellyn C., Spandan S., Hanson Y., Tom B., Jonah T., Patrick D., Martin S., Claire S., Jamieson O., Will S., Patrick D. and Sam N.*

## ALL WELCOME AT OUR NEXT P&C MEETING:

If you're not a regular attendee at P&C meetings I invite you, time permitting, to schedule the last Tuesday of each month for an opportunity to find out more about our school, ask questions and join in with the friendly discussion on sometimes controversial, but always pertinent issues.

I am very appreciative of the support our parents give the school as it takes a community to raise a child.

Congratulations to the following parents who make up our 2018 P&C executive team:

### **Vice President:**

Phil Bongers (Acting President)

### **Vice President:**

Julie Tulip

### **Secretary:**

Julie Irving

### **Treasurer:**

Alison Sellar

### **Assisting the Treasurer:**

Karen Dobrincic

### **Robotics Convener:**

Jo Harvey

The next meeting is Tuesday June 26, commencing at 7.30pm in the school library. Our special guest this meeting is our newly appointed Head Teacher PDHPE - Mrs. Sarah Maguire.

Regards,

Lance Berry | Principal

# Thank you!

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:



by Mr. Edwards

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I would like to begin by thanking the students, staff and community members of Marsden High School for a very warm welcome; it certainly has been an exciting and demanding time in the first few weeks. I am very enthusiastic about working with the school community in relation to the teaching and learning that is happening here at Marsden.

During Week 5 the Year 7 and 8 Aboriginal students from the Wallumattagal Centre helped commemorate Sorry Day at the Tuesday Formal Assembly. Sorry Day is commemorated on May 26 with the first Sorry Day being held in 1998 one year after the 'Bringing Them Home' report. The report was an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

The Stolen Generations refers to the children who were forcibly removed from their families by government, welfare or church authorities. In 1992 Prime Minister Keating became the first Prime Minister to acknowledge the wrongs that had been done to Aboriginal people - this was a landmark speech, and Aboriginal people became hopeful that true reconciliation might happen. Sadly it took another 15 years before Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, in 2007 made an apology to the Stolen Generations for the wrong doings of past governments. Sorry Day is the first of many days that Marsden High School students will commemorate this term. Shortly the students will commence planning and practicing for our **NAIDOC Day celebrations** in Week 10 this term on **Monday 2 July**.



# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## DRAMA NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE:

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

27 & 28 JUNE

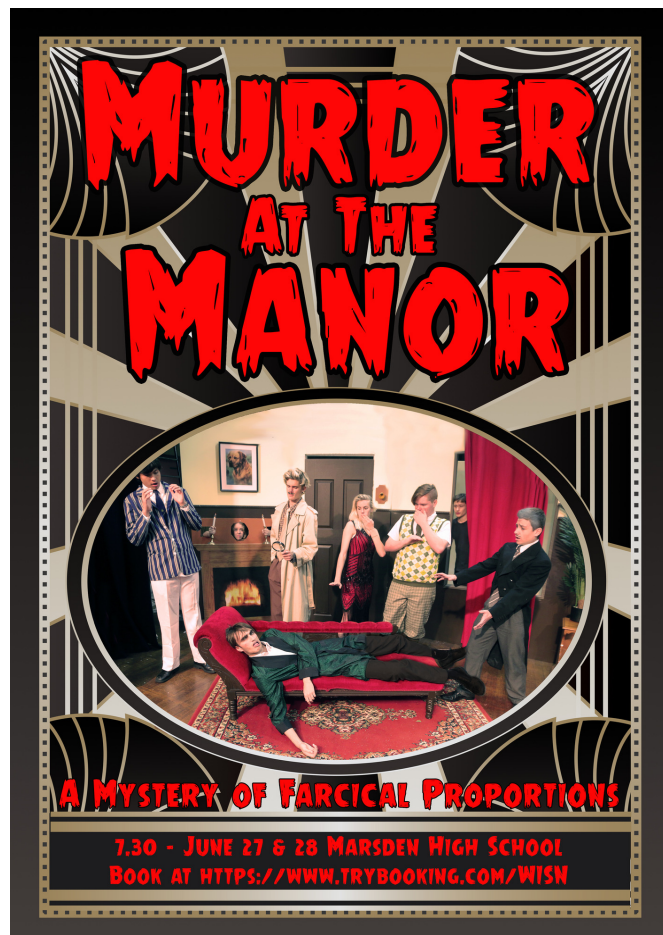
JOHN HAGAN HALL 7:30PM

Marsden proudly presents 'Murder at the Manor'. A highly physical comedy of farcical proportions, the play is a 1920s murder mystery featuring the cast and crew of the Marsden High School Drama Ensemble.

For more information and to view the trailer an event page has been setup on the @MarsdenHS Facebook page and tickets can be purchased via *TryBooking*.

### Tickets Prices:

Student/Child	\$5
Adult	\$10
Family	\$25



## YEARS 7-11 PARENT TEACHER EVENING:

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2018

JOHN HAGAN HALL FROM 4PM

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet teachers and gain valuable information on student progress. It is also an excellent time to seek the most effective ways to support students and their learning. Interviews will be booked via the Sentral Parent Portal. Interview bookings will open Monday 25 June at 9am and close Friday 6 July at 3pm. Please check your access to the Parent Portal and that you have your username and password prior to Monday 25 June. New families to Marsden High School will receive their Sentral Parent Portal registration information within the next few weeks.

If you have any problems logging onto Sentral Parent Portal or don't have access to a computer please email the school on marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or call Ms O'Neill on 9874 6544

## YEAR 11 2019 SUBJECT SELECTION TALKS AND INFORMATION EVENING:

MONDAY 30 JULY

6:30PM - 7:30PM

JOHN HAGAN HALL

Information about the requirements of subject choice and the procedures students need to follow will be discussed. All parents, carers and students of Year 10 2018 are invited and highly encouraged to attend.

The evening will focus on:

- Higher School Certificate requirements.
- Marsden's Curriculum structure for the Senior Years.



- The Higher School Certificate subjects on offer.
- The rules covering patterns of study to be eligible for a HSC.
- How the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is calculated.
- The Year 11 Subject Information Booklet.
- The Year 11 subject selection process.
- Talking to Head Teachers and teachers about the Higher School Certificate courses.
- TVET and TAFE courses on offer and
- Pathways to the HSC.

This is an evening not to be missed as it will enable all Year 10 students to make an informed choice regarding their subjects for the next two years. We advise all our students to elect subjects that they enjoy and are good at as these are also the subjects they are most likely to perform well in. Students have already been instructed on the rules and requirements for HSC study in their Careers classes, as well as looking at the vast amount of subjects we offer at Marsden to help prepare them for this very important decision. Students will also have plenty of opportunities to discuss subject selections with their teachers and parents before they make their final choice.

## **YEAR 9 2019 SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING:**

**MONDAY 30 JULY**

**JOHN HAGAN HALL 5.30PM - 6.30PM**

Board of Studies rules and procedures for Stage 5 and school expectations will be discussed. There will also be an opportunity to ask teaching staff about subjects offered to students in 2019 and 2020. We hope to see all parents, carers and students of Year 8 2018 at this most informative event.

## **YEAR 12 PARENT BREAKFAST:**

**FRIDAY JUNE 22**

**SCHOOL LIBRARY 7:45AM - 9:00AM**

Year 12 parents and students are invited to this breakfast session which aims to provide support and advice on the remainder of their HSC journey. Our guest speaker will be Chris Charles, the Director Educational Leadership for Marsden. An invitation was distributed this week with further information.





# STUDENT ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS:

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## MODEL UN: Ms. van der Kley

Three of our very talented Year 10 students participated in the annual Rotary Model United Nations assembly. The day followed the structure of a real United Nations meeting, with teams of three students debating and voting on resolutions and following parliamentary procedure. Not only were they up against some experienced Year 11 and 12 teams with a Legal Studies background, but they had to debate issues from the perspective of a particular country - Claire, Jess and Sam represented Finland.

During the day, they proposed and debated solutions for managing a range of challenges including euthanasia, the power of veto and genetically modified products. Despite being one of the only Year 10 teams, Team Marsden more than held their own in debates and impromptu speeches. Their efforts were exceptional, and commended by the event organisers, members of the public and the judges themselves.

If you see these students around, please congratulate them on their outstanding efforts.





## **MODEL UN:** Claire S.

A couple of weekends ago, on the 19th and 20th of May, Sam N., Jessica G. and I participated in a Model United Nations Assembly at Epping Boys High School. By participating in this we had to dress up in traditional costumes, think about current issues in the view of Finland and speak on our feet on those issues. Issues included euthanasia, the Israel Palestine conflict and Genetically Modified Organisms. This opportunity continued to teach us public speaking skills, 21st Century skills and taught us about the world around us.

Jess, Sam and I would like to thank Miss van der Kley for organising this as well as Ryde Rotary for sponsoring us to participate.

## **PREMIER'S NSW DEBATING CHALLENGE:** Ms. Kivilcim

Debating is to argue about a subject, especially in a formal manner. On the 31 May, the Year 10 Debating team took part in a debate against Carlingford High School on the topic that "police should prosecute sport players who injure others in dangerous play". Our team was on the affirmative side. Our first speaker Jessica G. introduced the topic and spoke about the financial aspect of dangerous play. Our second speaker Kalie M. discussed the social and health aspect of dangerous play. Our third speaker Kimberly K. reinforced our main argument and summed up our debate with a couple of rebuttals written by our team advisor Claire S.

We performed very well overall but unfortunately lost the round. This debate would have not been possible without the lovely Miss Hoy.

## **YEAR 10 EXCURSION MACQUARIE PARK:** Mr. Lustica

On May 17, Year 10 did a whole day tour of businesses at Macquarie Park. These included Orix, Johnson and Johnson, Pitney Bowes, Macquarie Telecom and Fuji Xerox. This excursion is a yearly event organised in partnership with United Way, a not for profit business that link communities such as schools with local businesses. The students had a wonderful day including tours, career speakers and demonstrations.



# PDHPE UPDATE:

Mrs. Maguire



## **SPORT – ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:**

On Friday 4 May, Marsden students participated in their annual school Athletics Carnival. It was a great day with the weather being perfect for competition. It was held at Dunbar Park with its excellent venue and high class facilities. With many of our students completing athletics units during PDHPE lessons this produced a high level of skill and participation.

The carnival brought out the competitive nature in our talented students, with many of them progressing on to Zone level. A record amount of competitors showcased the Marsden spirit and culture with sportsmanship and respect on display and everyone striving to achieve their personal best.

A big thank you to all the staff, in particular Mr Williams and the PDHPE faculty for their help on the day giving the students of Marsden the opportunity to compete and build on that wonderful Marsden school spirit. It was a great day with lots of participation from students.

## **REMINDER:**

- The Zone Athletics carnival will take place on Monday 18 June. All students progressing to Zone to please collect a Zone Athletics note from the PDHPE staffroom and return this as soon as possible.

## **AGE CHAMPIONS:**

12 Years Boys – Bailey J.

13 Years Boys – Jarrad D.

14 Years Boys – Charlie S.

15 Years Boys – Mohammed R.

16 Years Boys – Jon A.

17 Years Boys – Jonathan J.

18 Years Boys – Sean T.

12 Years Girls – Aimee M.

13 Years Girls – Tina G.

14 Years Girls – Jasmine B.

15 Years Girls – Shay J.

16 Years Girls – Keisha T.

17 Years Girls – Jessica G.

18 Years Girls – Sasha A.

## **ZONE CROSS COUNTRY:**

On Wednesday 30 May, Marsden students participated in the Zone Cross Country held at Macquarie University. It was a great day with the weather being perfect for competition. Many of our students produced a high level of skill and ability.

This next level of competition brought out the competitive nature in our talented students, with many of them progressing to the Regional level. The competitors showed that the Marsden spirit and culture is alive and strong and underscored by respect and sportsmanship. Each student performed at their best, proudly representing both themselves and Marsden.

A notable achievement was the success of Omar A. who finished Age Champion at Zone level for 17 Year Boys. The overall success of Marsden is also worthy of a

mention as we finished higher on the ladder than schools with a larger student population. We certainly have some impressive sporting talent here at Marsden.

A big thank you to Ms. Riviera and Ms. Buttitta who came along and assisted with the carnival.

#### **REMINDER:**

- The Regional Cross Country will take place on Friday 22 June. All students progressing to Zone to please collect a Zone Athletics note from the PDHPE staffroom and return this as soon as possible.

#### **TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM (TSP):**

TSP has started for Term 2 with many students participating in a variety of sports.

#### **REMINDERS:**

- TSP fees are due now in order for students to continue participating in the program.
- Students who have paid for a summer shirt can collect their shirt from Mr. Williams in the PDHPE staffroom.

#### **INTEGRATED SPORT/ STUDENT CHOICE SPORT:**

Students in Years 7-10 have the opportunity to participate in recreational paid sports. Students are required to check the notice board outside the PDHPE staffroom to see which sport they have been allocated.

Students are reminded to bring their full sports uniform in order to participate in sport. The uniform shop sells tracksuit pants which students can wear for PE lessons. Students who do not have their PE uniform as it may be in the wash, lost etc. are required to bring a note and appropriate alternative clothing and shoes to enable them to participate.

#### **ASSESSMENT:**

Students have now completed assessment tasks in Gymnastics, Dance, Athletics and Relationships with some outstanding results. A reminder that students who are not prepared for assessment tasks or do not submit their assessment task on time will receive zero.

#### **CROSSROADS CAMP:**

Year 11 students will be attending the Crossroads Camp at Optimum Experience in Fitzroy Falls from Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 June. Students who are not attending camp will remain at school to complete the Crossroads Program. Crossroads is a mandatory program for Stage 6 students and students must satisfactorily complete the program before commencing Year 12.

#### **YEAR 10 B STREET SMART EXCURSION:**

Year 10 students have received permission notes to attend the B Street Smart excursion on Wednesday 29 August. This is an interactive live demonstration of the dangers associated with road use. Students watch a re-enactment of a car crash and see what is involved in the management of an accident. Students will also visit a variety of exhibits. The excursion is \$20 inclusive of transport and entry.



# PHOTOS FROM RECENT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

by Mr. Quelch





# MATHS PATHWAYS UPDATE:



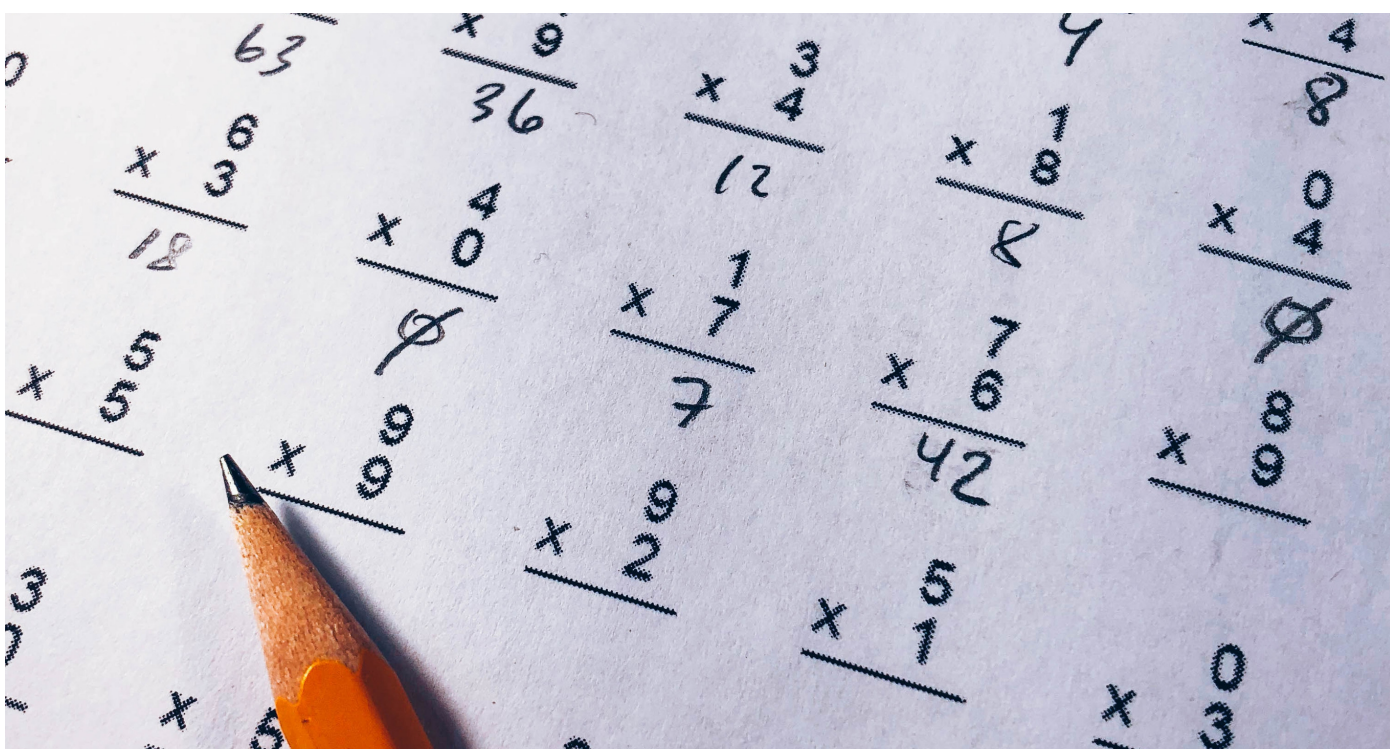
by Mrs. Brennan

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All students in Year 7 & 8 are currently studying Mathematics via the Maths Pathways online module system. This has meant that all students are studying different topics in class with teachers assisting students when they experience difficulties. Please note that all students are expected to follow a very structured setting out of their book work each lesson and a minimum of 6 modules should be completed each fortnight - this includes, students completing homework at least three times each week. Students are also expected to study/review their modules in the days leading up to their tests, as 100% is expected on each test for mastery to occur for that module. We are seeing some amazing results with one Year 8 student having just 30 modules left to complete all of the course work required for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 - lots of enrichment mathematics to come.

Last term we held our first Parent Information session and it was fabulous to see so many parents with many fantastic questions being asked about the program. Parents at this session obtained an information sheet and a code to access the Parent Portal (this was posted to any parent who was unable to attend). By visiting the Parent Portal you can see exactly what your child is completing in Mathematics each lesson and how they are progressing. We have recently added a table to reflect where your child currently sits with their understanding of Mathematics. We encourage you all to please have a conversation with your child about their progress this year.

You will notice an additional report with your child's Half Yearly Report- which has been generated through the Maths Pathways software- this report will reflect your child's growth, effort and accuracy over a number of test cycles. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions.





# STUDENT WELLBEING:

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## ATTENDANCE FOCUS:

It is important to keep a spotlight on our expectation for students to be at school each day unless there are justifiable reasons - our office will send you a text detailing your child's absence. Once a student's attendance slips below 85% it is clear they are missing too much of their learning time. All absences, whether they are partial or full day, should be explained by a parental note sent or handed into the office with clear details of your child's name, their year, the date, your name, signature and a contact number as well as a clear and reasonable explanation for their absence.

## LATENESS:

School aims to prepare students for the world ahead - getting to places on time is a key requirement for success. We expect students to be on time to school and class. If they are late for valid reasons, we accept and understand. When lateness continues over a period of time, it directly impacts on learning as the time does build up. The school has set structures in place regarding lateness, which students are aware of.

## SOLUTIONS FOCUSED SYSTEMS - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L):

Our school is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school which focuses on the following core values and expectations:

- Cooperate
- Achieve
- Respect
- Everyday

*Care!*

These four core values are simplistic yet thorough. They cover all aspects of school governance and are supported by our structures and systems.

PB4L refers to a system of school-wide processes and individualised instruction set up as solutions focussed approaches, which support over all student wellbeing. The process facilitates the development of quality learning environments, in which all students feel safe, secure and can flourish as individuals.

PB4L is not a model with a prescribed set of practices. Rather, it is a team-based process designed to address the unique needs of individual schools. Data is used to help school based PB4L teams identify school needs, make program decisions and evaluate results. School teams set goals, develop strategies and select interventions that are tailored to their school setting.

Our school team is led by Ms Brennan and meets regularly to evaluate data on our systems and approaches to ensure we are catering for our students in the best possible way.

## SEXTS, TEXTS & SELFIES:

by Mr. O'Brien

Parents, do you find yourself worried about technology and the affect it's having on your child? Do you find the online world confusing? Are you trying to better understand your child? Or do you want to protect them from the dangers lurking online?

Then you will find solace in the pages of "Sexts, Texts and Selfies." The book has been written by Victorian Police Officer and mother of 3 teenagers, Susan McLean. McLean provides insights into the dangers children face including cyber bullying, sexting,

online predators, the legal ramifications of online behaviours and the harsh reality that anything published online can not only be shared widely, it can never be permanently erased. It is an informative, relevant and factual read. It's designed to empower parents and children alike with useful tips on what to do in certain situations and who to speak with for help. The old saying "knowledge is power" is a powerful metaphor for the confusing and at times murky digital age. The book is available for immediate download at [www.amazon.com.au](http://www.amazon.com.au)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CAREERS:

by Mr. Lustica

## YEAR 11:

- A reminder that interviews will be taking place this term to discuss student progress and options for 2019 and beyond.
- University Applications and early entry information will be available from late July / early August.
- All Year 12 students must have a Students Online Account. This is vital for university applications and for receiving HSC results. Please see Mr Lustica if you have not yet activated your account.

## YEAR 11:

- Please see Mr Lustica if you have not yet signed your NESA subject form.

## YEAR 10:

- All Year 10 students are reminded that Work Experience forms must be submitted by the end of Term 2. Work Experience Week this year is from August 13 to 17. Please see Mr Lustica if you need a copy of the forms to be signed by your Supervising Employer.

## USEFUL LINKS:

[Canteen Menu](#)

[Uniform Order Form](#)

[Change of Personal Details Form](#)

[School News App](#)

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# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD:



## Holiday sport program

SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR A DEGREE IN FUN!

Get your kids active with our holiday sport program, which includes gymnastics clinics, multi-sport programs and swimming.

From skateboarding and rock climbing to cartwheels and tumble turns in the pool, your kids will get active and learn new skills, while improving their team work, and physical health and wellbeing.

**BOOK TODAY**  
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**SATURDAY 16 JUNE**  
**6.00pm**

**Kick off at 8.00pm**  
**on the big screen**

Where: ELS Hall Park, North Ryde

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