From the Principal

Choose your future

At this time both our year 8 students and our senior students in year 10 are involved in a very important process in starting to think about subject choices for Year 8 and Year 11. Students and parents have had an opportunity to listen to presentations about course selections and the need to choose wisely and to talk to senior staff and Head Teachers about courses and learning pathway options on offer next year. For Year 8 students this will be the first time they will have an opportunity to choose from subjects across three subject lines rather than two. This will give students a wider range of choices and reflects Marsden’s philosophy of a broad based education in the junior years which gives lots of opportunities to try different things. For students about to enter Year 11 in 2015, for the first time, they will have an opportunity to select most of their subjects, so it is important that careful thought be given to what they would like to undertake and what suits their needs best.

Making good choices is important. In the next few weeks, students and parents will have further opportunities to be part of this process. In my experience, being able to select courses is an important motivating experience for students. Research has shown that motivation is related to whether or not students have opportunities to be autonomous and to make important academic choices. Having choices allows students to feel that they have control or ownership over their own learning. This enables them to develop a sense of responsibility and self-motivation. When students feel a sense of ownership, they are more likely to engage in academic tasks and persist in learning. I commend both students and parents to take a very active part in this decision making and I look forward to discussing learning needs in the next few weeks.

Gus Vrolyk, Principal

Calendar

August
1  Marine Studies Careers Day – National Maritime Museum
1-11 Year 12 trial exams
4-15 Year 11 Retail Work Placement
13  Performing Arts Night 7.30pm
14  Year 8 Medieval Day
15  Year 12 Visual Arts Incursion
18-22 Year 11 Hospitality work placement
18-22 Year 11 VET Construction work placement
18  Year 10 Poets visit
20  MaPLES
21  Vaccinations all Year 7 and Year 9 boys
25  Year 12 Visual Arts completion date for BOW
26  P&C Meeting
27-29 Lithgow Trip

September
1  Year 7 Jump Rope for Heart
5  Year 11 SLR & PDHPE First Aid course
8-16 Year 11 Yearly Exams
11  Year 7 Gala Day
12  Year 12 Work Studies – Ultimo TAFE
18  Year 12 Graduation

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 26th August in the Library at 7:30pm
Deputy Principal's Report

Year 10
Year 10 students participated in another day of interesting activities last week. Mr Leece, Ms Swinkels group had a tour of the **ABC facilities and UTS**. The Johnson and Johnson students were accompanied by Ms Dalal, Ms Train and Mr Hannah to **Meadowbank TAFE** to find out about health related courses (and I hear the mechanical bucking bull in the lunch break was a big hit). Ms Hoy and Mr Simaitis had tours of **UTS and Sydney University** and Ms Hart and Ms King conducted **Real Game** training with the final group.

A lot of effort goes into organising these excursions and I would especially like to thank the teachers involved for giving up their time each term to ensure that these very valuable excursions can take place. Through the dedication of these teachers, students have had so many opportunities and access to areas and information rarely offered to other schools.

Year 11
Recently teachers were asked to nominate the 3 top performing students in each class. Letters of commendation were then sent to the parents and carers of these students. I would like to congratulate those students and their families for the fabulous effort that these students are making in their senior years. This level of commitment is highly valued at Marsden.

Whilst on the note of success……I would like to gently remind Year 11 that their yearly exams will commence on **Monday 1 September (Week 8)** which is only 5 weeks away. Students should already be working towards these exams by spending time each night summarizing their notes and following their teachers’ instructions on how best to prepare for each subject.

Year 12
As I write this piece I have just come off 2 hours of exam supervision in the Hall. This can be a very tedious part of our job at times. However, after spending this time in the English exam I came away very happy and motivated. Our students were so perfectly behaved, perfectly mannered (not one student failed to say thank you when requesting an extra booklet despite the pressure they were under) and worked so hard during the entirety of the exam, that I came away so very proud and happy. **Well done Year 12** and keep it going!

Ms Sheryn Symons
Deputy Principal
Year 12 Business Studies
On 18th July, fourteen enthusiastic business students took the opportunity to attend McDonald’s Head Office to hear the secrets of their business model. Part-time employee Matthew Gordon shared his experiences and all students benefited by consolidating their knowledge of the business operations, marketing and employment relations aspects of running a business.

It was an enjoyable experience topped off by visiting the newest store presentation and tasting their favourite items.
Mr Ian Bulgin, Business Studies Teacher.

Year 10 International Students excursion
On Monday 21st July, Miss Hoy and Mr Simaitis took 31 International Students of Year 10 to tours of The University of Sydney and The University of Technology. After walking to The University of Sydney from Redfern Station, we were warmly welcomed by Divea and Cedric, two current students of the university who are ‘Student Ambassadors’ and lead tours. We visited many areas of the campus, including The Quad, The Nicolson Museum, the Graffiti Tunnel, the Law Faculty, the Science Faculty and also some accommodation colleges. After lunch we walked through Victoria Park and along Broadway to the University of Technology, Sydney tower. We were met by two first year students, Francesca and Brandon, who presented us with bags and information booklets. We were then divided into two groups and given a tour around the many buildings of the UTS campus, including the gym and indoor sports centre, the Science Faculty, the Law Faculty and we saw the many building projects currently underway in and around UTS. What a day of walking and learning!
Ms Hoy, Year 10 ESL Teacher

Johnsons and Johnson’s excursion at Meadowbank TAFE
On 23rd of July this term year 10 BTE group went to Meadowbank TAFE for an excursion. At the beginning of our excursion, we were placed into three groups and separated to explore different activities. The first activity my group were involved with was in the nursing faculty. We were taught about the important procedures to save or help people who are in danger, also known as CPR. We were also taught by our supervisor about the importance of washing our hands when treating patients. Our second activity was the massage faculty. We had been taught about the different hand massage techniques by our supervisor Peter, and we had a great time. Our last activity was in the fitness. It can be challenging for some people, but it was very enjoyable. Overall, everyone had fun on that day.
Kaye Chen
Year 10
Year 10 Work Experience
Well done to all Year 10 students who participated and successfully completed a week of work experience. It was a great success with students gaining valuable skills and knowledge in prospective jobs and career interests. Students were placed in a wide variety of areas from TV Network Stations, Sports Centres, Childcare, Law firms and Retail Services. Many employers remarked on Marsden student’s enthusiasm and maturity, some offering student’s weekend and casual work.
Ms Hart, Careers Adviser.

Denojan Ravi and Omar Aldulami at Christian Community Aid
Zac Hando at Rebel Sport,

Houda Soufan at Priceline
Ryan Pascoe at Bunnings

Eric Salonga at Civic Video

Library News
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
We are moving towards the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge as it ends on August 29, but all student registration must be completed by August 22!

Now is the time to be registering your Books. Please if you are unsure how to do this come and see me Ms Langelaar in your library. We have many new and interesting PRC Books to borrow!! Remember to log your books using your DEC log in and Password to log on. Here is the link https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Get Reading……..Get Registered!
Book Week August 16- August 22
Yes HOORAY! Book Week is here again.

The theme for this year’s Book Week is: Connect to Reading -------- Reading to Connect
Connect to Reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds.
The reflected slogan, Reading to Connect, has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media.

SOME EVENTS:
ANNUAL Book Week Creative Writing Competition. Come to the library and pick up an entry form and guidelines for this year’s competition.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Awards - The Library has purchased all of the Shortlisted Award Nominations for High School students and these are on display in our Library. They are available for borrowing NOW. So come along and Borrow. Add your opinion to what book you believe should be crowned the Winner for 2014.

AUTHOR VISIT: Once again we will be having an author come to speak and this year our fabulous Year 10’s who will be entertained by Steven Herrick. To find out more about Steven Herrick you can visit his website: http://www.stevenherrick.com.au/

Exciting Times! S Langelaar Teacher Librarian

From Careers
Nurges has spent one day per week this semester attending a course in Hair and Beauty Treatments. She has thoroughly enjoyed herself and has learnt a variety of skills including designing and applying makeup, classic long hair styles, nail science, manicure services and an understanding of work area management and maintenance of work tools. Well done Nurges.

Dental Assistant Traineeship Information Day – Monday 1st September, registration at 12.30pm to commence at 1pm sharp.
Lecture Theatre 1 Westmead Hospital Education Block. (street parking is limited, paid parking on hospital campus, gold coins needed) Please register your interest by Friday 22nd August. Email Alison.Webb@health.nsw.gov.au PH: 9845 7535

The University of Wollongong is holding an Open Day at its Sydney Business School’s Campus on 30th August 2014. Students will hear all about our new degrees in banking and financial services and meet the lecturers. Students can also tour the campus, and meet students, corporate partners and the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business.
Date Saturday 30 August 2014 Time 10:00am – 2:00pm Place Sydney Business School (part of the University of Wollongong) Gateway Building, Level 8 1 Macquarie Place, Circular Quay
RSVP Monday 25 August 2014 to business-events@uow.edu.au
Can your Students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. Participants have to be 12 years or older. Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to www.active8change.com.au. Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

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                                         | September 13th 2014 (Saturday) (Strathfield campus) |
| **Southern Cross University (SCU)**      | December 8th 2014 (Monday) (Coffs Harbour campus)  
                                         | December 10th 2014 (Wednesday) (Lismore campus)   
                                         | December 11th 2014 (Thursday) (Gold Coast)       |
| **University of Newcastle (NEWCASTLE)**   | August 7th 2014 (Thursday) (Port Macquarie campus) 
                                         | August 16th 2014 (Saturday) (Central Coast campus) 
                                         | August 23rd 2014 (Saturday) (Newcastle campus)   |
| **University of New England (UNE)**       | May 2nd 2014 (Friday) Open Day                   |
| **University of New South Wales (UNSW)**   | September 6th 2014 (Saturday) (Kensington campus) |
| **University of Notre Dame (UNDA)**        | August 30th 2014 (Saturday) Sydney 9am-3pm      |
| **University of Sydney (SYDEY)**           | August 30th 2014 (Saturday)                     |
| **University of Technology, Sydney (UTS)** | August 30th 2014 (Saturday) City Campus         
                                         | September 6th 2014 (Saturday) Kuring-Gai (Lindfield) |
| **University of Western Sydney (UWS)**     | August 31st 2014 (Sunday) Parramatta Campus     |
| **University of Wollongong (UOW)**         | August 16th 2014 (Saturday) UOW Open Day        
                                         | August 30th 2014 (Saturday) Sydney Business School  
                                         | (CBD Campus)                                      |

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| **ACPE Academy**                           | September 8th 2014 (Monday) Olympic Park Sydney:  
                                         | 10am - Midday                               |
| **AFTRS Australian Film Television and Radio School** | September 6th 2014 (Saturday)                  |
| **Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School** | August 30th 2014 (Saturday) Leura - 10am-1pm |
| **ICMS International College of Management, Sydney** | August 17th 2014 (Sunday)                      |
| **Sydney Film School**                      | May 10th 2014 (Saturday)                       |
| **William Angliss Institute**               | September 13th 2014 (Saturday) Surry Hills 10am-2pm |
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Both forums scheduled 5:30 - 8:30 PM
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