We have just recently had Marsden Showcase Week, where we show our community what we do and invite them into the school to see the fantastic learning that takes places here. On Monday we had the Business Breakfast with business and civic leaders in attendance. This was followed by the Marsfest celebration assembly, which was filled with sound and colour and wonderful performances from students. On Tuesday we had Open Night which saw 240 people visiting to see what Marsden had to offer. Students and staff worked together to produce a series of outstanding workshops that showed parents and prospective students the range and quality of learning at Marsden. On Wednesday and Thursday we had two Gala Days involving a range of sports and a large number of primary students who participated. Both the students and visiting staff were mightily impressed by what we offer in sport. On Friday we had Marsfest Foodfest, celebrating our cultural diversity through food. Students and staff enjoyed a wide range of exotic foods and soaked up the atmosphere of the food stalls and entertainment at the front of the school. All in all it was a fabulous week that would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of staff and students. It made us all proud to be members of such an excellent school, where staff, students and the community work together to promote the school. Thank you to all who contributed!

I was very fortunate last week to attend the Australian regional competition of FIRST robotics where our student developed and constructed robot went up against 32 other teams; many of whom were international teams, including several from China, Hawaii, Taiwan and Singapore as well as a strong contingent of Australian university sponsored robots. The Marsden team and machine performed exceptionally well, with our team making the quarter and semi-finals and finishing with a ranking in the top 4. This was a truly impressive effort, as we have only had a robotics team for just a little over a year. In the last week of term we will hold a formal assembly to pay tribute to the outstanding efforts of students who did a remarkable job in designing, constructing and testing a robot in 4 weeks. Special mention must be made of the work of Mr Hannah and Mr Charles who had a great deal to do with the project and to Mrs Brennan who coordinated and organised a super team effort.

Mr Gus Vrolyk
Principal

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**Belgium, Italy, Turkey history tour 2016**

**Parent information evening**

Tuesday 17/03/15 at 6pm in CF1

**Year 12** students. Your exam timetable and rules have been emailed to you on your student DEC email account. Please read the timetable and let Mrs Symons know if there are any issues

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**New Uniform Shop opening times**

Effective term 2, 2015 the Uniform Shop will open Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8.30am to 10.30am during school term

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LIBRARY NEWS

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (NSWPRC)

It’s that time of the Year!

Marsden High School has a fantastic record of students who complete the NSWPRC each year with many students being awarded Gold and Platinum Certificates each year. In the last two years we have had Medal winners which is a real achievement.

Time to log onto the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. The NSWPRC website is now OPEN

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is available for all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Log on using https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

You use your school internet log on to start registering your books, or alternatively go through your student portal. Remember you can log all the books you have read since SEPTEMBER 2014. It’s that easy!

Come to the Library and I will help you register your books

Thankyou Ms Langelaar,
Teacher Librarian

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you VERY MUCH to all students. I was very impressed with the cooperation of our students, as were the photographers. This enabled us progress through the day and stay with the very tight schedule.

Thank you to Sasha, Olivia and Angela for their valued assistance on the first day. And thank you again to Sasha and Alex for the help with the manic second day.

When all the proof checks have been completed, over the next 2-3 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 this is 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. You can do this ON-LINE using the Marsden Code: VBW MAV V5D

You can also view and purchase any group/band/prefect images in the same way.

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

2015 Swimming House Points and Age Champions

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It has been a very busy start to the term. Mr Bulgin and I have had 2 camps at Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre. The first one was for Persian students in Years 11 and 12 to explain all the rules and regulations of the HSC. Thank you also to Mrs Larsen, Mrs Steiner and Mrs Zahedi for their assistance in running sessions as well as the food preparation on this camp. The second one was for Marine Studies and Work Studies students in Year 11 to introduce them to careers in the marine industry. Ms Mo was also very helpful with this camp and enjoyed the fishing and kayaking with the students.

Last Monday we held our annual Business Breakfast to thank the members of the community that are particularly supportive of our students. We hosted representatives from our P&C, Macquarie University, Meadowbank TAFE, MAX Potential as well as our local member John Alexander. A huge thank you to the students who came in at 7.30am to assist with the breakfast in particular Ashley B (for amazing coffee for everyone) hospitality students Trishali K, Jessica F, Sarah H as well as prefects Jesse dL, Adam Z and captains Joshua J and Sally D. Thank you to the Head Teachers Ms Rose, Ms Brennan, Ms Fevzi and Mr King who also came in to assist.

All Year 11 students should be settled into their subjects and consolidating their knowledge ready for their half yearly exams next term. There has been some movement in classes as we would prefer that students are happy with their choice of subjects leading into their HSC.

At this stage Year 12 students should be preparing for their half yearly exams that begin on Monday 23rd March. These exams are worth a significant part of their final marks and so students need to really focus on achieving their personal best results.

Ms Symons
Deputy Principal

**OUR SPACE INTEGRATED YOUTH SERVICE HUB** at 167 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood (9874 7458) www.ourspace.org.au

- Mondays 3:30- 5:30pm Free BBQ for Youth and Drop In
- Wednesdays / Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm Free Tutoring for Youth English and Maths (Booking Essential - 9874 7458)

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- Wednesdays 3-6pm Free Tutoring & Homework Support @Epping Library (Booking required)
- Fridays 3-5:30pm Youth BBQ @ Epping Library And Drop In @ The Shack
In 2007, over 2000 children were killed or injured on roads in NSW. We want to ensure that no child is hit by a car when going to or from schools in Ryde. You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand with the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

School Zone Safety

School Kiss and Ride/Drop off and Pick Up Areas
A ‘Kiss and Ride Zone’ or ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area utilises existing ‘No Parking’ zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however No Parking rules apply:
- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

Parking and Traffic Rules - Choose Safety Over Convenience
The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you may be fined. Below is a quick guide to some of the most commonly misunderstood traffic rules.

No Stopping
What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? To keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid crashes

Penalty $311 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

No Parking
What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

Penalty $173 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Bus Zone
What does it mean? You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Penalty $311 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)
Other Traffic Rules

Pedestrian Crossings including Children’s Crossings
You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Why is it there? To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

Penalty $415 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Driveways
You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended.

Penalty $173 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Footpaths and Nature Strips
You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Penalty $173 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Double Parking
You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there? Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty $311 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)
THE HSC AND CAREERS EXPO 2015

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- employment options

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- providers of gap year and student exchange programs
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