Principal's Report

As part of Marsden’s commitment towards engaging with our school community about things that affect our students and your children, this term we will start two new working parties. On Thursday 20th August the uniform team will reconvened. We did have one meeting last year and it is now time to follow up to canvas school community views about aspects of our school uniform and to start planning for the future if we decide to make changes. On Thursday 27th August we will have the inaugural meeting of the curriculum team. We need to give thought to what our students need, to equip them to be productive, well-adjusted and fulfilled members of society in this century. Key considerations will be how well our formal, informal, creative, cultural, sporting and other programs we currently offer, meet the needs of our students and how well they will do so in the future. This will enable us to start new programs to meet emerging needs and adjust others to better meet the current needs of students. For each of these teams, I would like to have student, staff and parent representation. I am confident that the work of these teams will be worthwhile and productive. If any parents would like to participate, they are most welcome to do so. The meetings will take place in B8 from 3.30 – 5.00 p.m. on the dates listed.

Gus Vrolyk
Principal

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 25th August in the Library at 7:30pm

Canteen Helpers Needed

The canteen would love to have another 12 volunteers on its books. The normal hours are 10am to 2:30pm. Whether you can help once a month or once a fortnight, we would love to hear from you.

Thursdays and Fridays require the most volunteers. Please contact Rae on 0421 458 890 or the canteen direct on 9858 1367 if you can help
Year 11
I would like to remind Year 11 that their Yearly Examinations will commence on Monday 7th September (Week 9) which is only 2 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.

All students are expected to be at school at least 15 minutes prior to each exam so as to ensure that all exams commence on time. Exams will finish on Tuesday 15th September and all students are expected to attend school for the last 3 days of the term.

Year 11 students should note that the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) obtains Year 11 Record of School Achievement (RoSA) results automatically from the Board of Studies are able to take these into consideration when offering early placement into universities through the Schools Recommendation Scheme. Yet another reason to start studying!

Year 12
Year 12 students are in the process of receiving their Trial Examination results back from their teachers. Students need to speak to their teachers about how they can improve on their results in the upcoming HSC examinations. It is certainly not too late to make a big difference to their results when they still have HSC Examinations to determine half of their marks.

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to our Year 12 students at both formal and informal assemblies and at our School Dinner at the end of this term. Two parents or guardians of each Year 12 student have been subsidised by the P&C for each student to attend the School Dinner on 17th

---

**Calendar**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td>24-28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>24-26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7-18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October</td>
<td>6-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7-9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>22-30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**School holiday dates:**

**Term 3**
Last day of term Fri 18 Sept

**Term 4**
Students start Tues 6 Oct
Last day of term Wed 16 Dec
September. Other guests are welcome to attend, dependent on final numbers, but will need to pay $70 per person. The final date for payments has been extended to Friday 28th August. Payment needs to be made at the front office.

Mrs Symons
Deputy Principal

**Year Seven's Seven Steps**

This term, year 7 are creating imaginary worlds in a variety of texts, including short stories, using the seven steps writing program. Here are some extracts from 7G.

7G English class Term 3

**Sizzling Start practice**

“The clock is ticking” (Sizzling Start writing topic)

“Run!” yelled the commander, “Get to the shuttle! This planet’s going to ‘blow’!" He was afraid to die, like everyone in his pod. He knew the Khar’gragh were going to kill him. The commander did a cowardly act. There was one spot on the shuttle left. “Sorry Henson”, he exclaimed and tripped him over. The Khar’gragh shot Henson. But the commander was gone. The shuttle left. *By John.*

The clock is ticking. I have to go to work, but my truck won’t start! Oh no! I’ll be fired if I take an hour. I work at Bing Lee, god help me!

There goes my day. My boss called and I’ve lost my job. I’m angry and sad…don’t know what to do. It was the best job I’ve had. My boss didn’t pay my money. Can I sue him for that? *By Nour.*

“Ahhhh!!!! Bomb bomb bomb! It’s got five minutes til it blows! Call the police, call the Fire Brigade, call anyone!

Five minutes later. The bomb’s over there, disable it, hurry, hurry! Which wire to cut, which one?? The green one. The red one… no! The white one! *By Cameron*

I was sleeping in my room, then suddenly, I heard a sound like a clock. I woke up to stop the clock, then the clock stopped. After I went back to sleep, the clock was ticking again. Then I had to stop the clock again…why was it still ticking? *By Michael.*

**Ban the boring bits**

Students practised writing a boring ‘before’ paragraph, then a more exciting ‘after’ paragraph, without the boring bits!

**Before:** We went to the beach. Sam went swimming. I stayed and slept. He came back. He then had a sleep. I woke up. He was sleeping. It was boring. We had nothing to do. He woke up and we played a little game. It was so boring.

**After:** On Saturday, Sam and I decided to go to the beach. When we arrived there, Sam went in the water and I slept. After twenty minutes, I heard someone screaming “Help, help, help!” It was Sam. There was a shark following him. He was scared. He was shouting and screaming “Shark! Shark!” I called the life guard and he went with his boat and helped Sam and they came back. Sam started laughing and said “Thanks God!” *By Rayan.*

**Before:** This holiday I wanted to travel to Nepal, so today I went to the airport with my parents. I got up at 6:00am, I changed my clothes, brushed my teeth, washed my face and combed my hair. Then my parents and I ate breakfast, there was bread, milk and some fruit. I put some strawberry jam on the
bread, it was delicious. After that, we went to the airport by taxi. My father gave the driver fifty dollars. After the customs, we sat on the plane. We ate lunch on the plane, it was delicious too. Then, we arrived in Nepal.

After: I stood at the window in the hotel, watched the scenery outside the window. This was the second day we came to Nepal. We were in Chitwan now, it is a quiet city in Nepal. I walked out of the hotel, along the road towards the river. The temperature was cold in the morning, a breeze blowing drove up the leaves, issued a rustling sound. There are some dogs looking up from time to time, looking at me, this stranger, curiously. Unconsciously, I have already reached the river. Some ducks on the surface of the foraging, drive the layers of ripples. Looked at the slowly rising sun, I smiled. A beautiful morning, isn’t it? By Monica.

Before: I got up at 9:00am, I was late. I got dressed quickly and I ate breakfast. I didn’t catch my bus and then I walked to school. My teacher scolded me, because I was late. We learned about Maths. Maths is so boring to study and I slept. Three hours later, I had lunch time. However, I didn’t bring my lunch box and I skipped my lunch. I finished school but I couldn’t go home because I didn’t catch my bus again. Today was such a terrible day.

After: Today was such a terrible day because I was late. I got up at 9:00am. “Oh my god! I’m so late, Mum, Mum, where is my school uniform? I can’t find it!” I shouted.

“Your uniform is under the chair” she answered. I got dressed and I didn’t catch my bus. I walked to school. “Why are you late?” my teacher asked me. “Sorry” I said. I slept. Three hours later I had lunch time. “Oh, where is my lunch box?” I whispered. I skipped lunch, suddenly, I finished school. Today was a terrible day. By Jane.

Before: I went to school and came home. I drank some cool-ade and went to sleep.

After: I was running to school from global warming. “Oh no!” I thought, “I won’t be able to drink my cool-ade. Global warming vaporized the particles inside me!” By John.

Public Speaking and Debating
It’s been a busy couple of weeks for Marsden. In week 3, we hosted the regional final of the Legacy Public Speaking competition. Participants delivered a prepared speech exploring the key values of Legacy and then had five minutes to prepare an impromptu speech.

Rebecca Cole of year 8 gave an excellent speech on the changing face of Australian society. The standard of competition was very high with excellent speakers from across the region. Students from Loretto Kirribilli, Cheltenham Girls and North Sydney Girls moved through to the next round.

Debaters participated in a debating basics workshop with Belmont College from Newcastle. They were taken through topics such as preparation room procedures, developing a model, and rebuttal. Students from both schools worked together to develop their skills which they will put into practice in an inter school debate later in the year.

Year 10 Work experience
Press release from Hugh McFarlane for the NSW Ambulance Service. Attached are two links where you can view my work.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9b3toWffHqsbWdfOWNRN29QaVk
A press release I wrote about Ambulance equipment donation.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9b3toWffHqsT2FyOGFEMXJQc2JiS3ppREE0dzlqTWiZQIF3
Another press release I wrote about a paramedic who became a special operations paramedic. This one was sent to the guy's local newspaper and received some press.

**Maths Challenge for Young Australians**
For the first time at Marsden we had 6 Year 9 students complete the Maths Challenge for Young Australians. These students were given 6 problems to complete without any assistance from teachers or technology over three weeks.

Future Maths Olympiad students are selected from students who complete the Maths Challenge for Young Australians, along with further competitions.

I would like to congratulation the following students for taking part in this challenge:

- Madeline Low who attained a credit
- Anne Choi
- Paul Ji
- Yvann Sinson
- Yong Tan Wu
- Azar Yaser

**Prefecture 2016 Assembly**
Library News
Time has running out for the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge, which closed on Friday the 21st of August.

Students must have a validated 2015 Student Reading Record when the Challenge closed to complete the Challenge and be eligible for a certificate or medal in Term 4. It’s now time to log in your last few books so I can validate your completion.

Book Week is coming!

Book Week dates for 2015: Saturday 22 August - Friday 28 August
The CBCA celebrates its 70th Anniversary in 2015. The Book Week theme is Books light up our world

We have many special events on in the Library. Starting on Monday 17th August we began our MYSTERY PICKS books.

- You can choose a book from the mystery picks (Brown Paper Covered Books) and read it. Then write in 500 words or less your review of the mystery book. Hand your Book Review in to Mrs Knight or myself before the end of Term 3 and you may be a prize winner.
- Colouring competition!! Come and pick a picture in the theme of Books Light up our world. When you are finished put it in the completed box and don’t forget to put you name on your entry.
All the Nominated Award Books are on display in the Library. These are available for borrowing. We Winners were announced on the 21st August. Come and have a look and share your opinion with us and your fellow students.

It’s a busy and fun time so pop in and get involved in your school library.
Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian

Careers
YEAR 12 - UAC books have arrived. Please come to the Careers office to collect one if you are interested in attending university.

NAVY WORK EXPERIENCE - One week sometime between August and October based at Garden Island. Two one day sessions - 2nd September and 4th November based at HMAS Waterhen at Waverton.
Please collect information from the Careers office.
Open Days for 2015-2016
APM College of Business Communication
The Rocks campus 3 May, 1 Aug 2015

Australasian College of Natural Therapies
Pyrmont campus 3 May, 1 Aug 2015

Australian Catholic University
Canberra campus 29 Aug 2015
North Sydney campus 5 Sept 2015
Strathfield campus 12 Sept 2015

Australian College of Applied Psychology
Information nights 14 July, 12 Aug,
11 Nov 2015
For more information, visit www.acap.edu.au

Australian Maritime College
Beauty Point campus 30 Aug 2015
Newnham campus 30 Aug 2015
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment year round. Visit www.amc.edu.au/visit-amc

Australian National University 29 Aug 2015
For campus tours, visit
http://anu.edu.au/study/events/campus-tours

Billy Blue College of Design
Ultimo campus 3 May, 1 Aug 2015

Charles Sturt University
Open day every day. For campus
tours/appointments and course information, call
1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit
www.csu.edu.au/campustour

CQ University
Sydney campus 13 Aug 2015, 2–6pm
Virtual Open Day (online only) 10 Sept 2015, 10am–6pm
For more information, visit www.cqu.edu.au/events

Griffith University
Gold Coast campus 26 July 2015

International College of Management, Sydney
Manly campus 16 Aug 2015

Jansen Newman Institute
Pyrmont campus 3 May, 1 Aug 2015

La Trobe University
Albury-Wodonga campus 28 Aug 2015
Mildura campus 19 Aug 2015
For other campuses visit
www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

Macleay College
Surry Hills campus 22 Aug 2015,
16 Jan 2016
For a personalised campus tour, call 1300 939 888

Macquarie University 12 Sept 2015

MIT Sydney
For campus tours/appointments and course information, call (02) 8267 1400 or visit mit.edu.au

National Art School 29 Aug 2015

SAE Creative Media Institute
Sydney and Byron Bay campuses 8 Aug 2015
For up-to-date information, visit
http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events or free
call 1800 SAE EDU (1800 723 338)

SIBT 29 Aug 2015

Southern Cross University
Info days and 'virtual' info sessions
Coffs Harbour campus 7 Dec 2015
Lismore campus 9 Dec 2015
Gold Coast campus 11 Dec 2015
For more information visit
www.scu.edu.au/scuinfolodays
The Hotel School Sydney 12 Sept 2015
For more information visit,
hotschool.scu.edu.au/about/info days

University of Canberra 29 Aug 2015

University of New England 1 May 2015
For personalised tours, call 1800 818 865 or visit
www.une.edu.au/ campus tours

University of Newcastle
Newcastle campus (Callaghan) 22 Aug 2015
Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) 15 Aug 2015
Port Macquarie campus 6 Aug 2015

University of Sydney 29 Aug 2015

University of Technology, Sydney
City and Kuring-gai campuses 29 Aug 2015

University of Western Sydney
Parramatta campus 30 Aug 2015
UWS Campus Experience tours are held throughout the year. To register, visit www.uws.edu.au/ campus experience or call 1300 897 669

University of Wollongong
Wollongong campus 15 Aug 2015
Sydney CBD campus 29 Aug 2015

UNSW Australia
Kensington campus 5 Sept 2015
UNSW Canberra at ADFA 29 Aug 2015

William Blue College of Hospitality Management
The Rocks campus 3 May, 1 Aug 2015

For information on school visits days, contact individual institutions
Please log onto Marsden High School website and sign up to receive Newsletter via email. Also sign up to appropriate year lists to receive information pertaining to your child’s scholastic year.
Join us, we are... FUNDRAISING!

Join us for a fun day of shopping, laughter, surprises, prizes, raffles, lunch and much more! Help us raise funds!

Bargain Buyers
WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOURS

INVITATION

Date: ____________
Departing from:
At __________ am Returning by __________ pm
Lunch
All of the above for $ ____________ per person
Deposit required $ ____________ by: ____________
Full payment due: ____________ Payment Method
Contact: ____________ on ____________
or email me on ____________
or complete the attached booking sheet...

Bargain Buyers
WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOURS

The Fundraising Shopping Tour Company. Find out about our great days out!
bargainbuyersshoppingtours.com.au

BIT Shopping Tour fundraiser

Date: Saturday 24th October 2015
Time: 7:30am pick up til late
Pick up location: MHS
Cost: $56 including air conditioned coach, host, morning and afternoon tea and lunch.
Payments: to be made to MHS Front Office
Marsden High School
Performing Arts Night
2015

Wednesday September 2nd
7.30 PM

John Hasan Hall
Entry - $9 per person
Marsden High School, Winbourne St, West Ryde

Free entry for all children and MHS students accompanied by an adult.
KU Rydalmere Preschool
Celebrating 50 years of service

Dear Families and Friends,

You are invited to join us in celebrating KU Rydalmere Preschool’s 50th Anniversary of providing quality early childhood education and care to local families.

When: Saturday 19 September 2015, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Where: KU Rydalmere Preschool
89-91 Park Road, Rydalmere

The celebrations will include formalities from 11:00am followed by children’s activities including face painting, animal farm, a raffle, BBQ and much more.

Please RSVP by Friday 4 September
P: 02 9638 5075 E: ku.rydalmere@ku.com.au

KU is proudly a not for profit organisation
FOR 13-17 YEAR OLDS

Clear and practical skills
to overcome anxiety
and mood problems

Boost your teen’s
confidence and
resiliency!

Cognitive Behaviour
Therapy Program

CHILLED OUT

Starting in Term 4, 2015

CHILLED™ PROGRAM
FOR ADOLESCENTS

A program created and owned by Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health.

One in 16 young Australians is currently experiencing depression. One in 6 young Australians is currently experiencing an anxiety condition.

Chilled™ is designed to provide adolescents with tools to manage anxiety and to help those who struggle with mood. The program teaches techniques that help teens think differently, increase confidence and enhance mood.

Limited Spaces Available!
Call today for enquiries or to register.
Medicare rebates apply.
Call us on 9630 0559 for more information.