Last year, the school technology team made some significant decisions about future directions for Marsden in terms of incorporating technology into teaching and learning. We spent over $150,000 in upgrading technology hardware, including replacing old computers, investing in laptops and state of the art short throw data projectors for classroom use. We added an extra computer room and are currently having significant cabling work done to improve the speed and efficiency of our systems. Significantly, we also made a decision not to go down the path of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for students. Other schools that have gone down this path have experienced significant difficulties especially in terms of equity of access and consistency of access by students. We have instead decided to invest in sets of laptops that will be available for class use in faculty areas. In 2016 Maths and Science have been identified the first two areas that will have access to their own laptop set. Maths have already received their set and the Science laptops are on order. We anticipate that in the next few years all faculty areas will have a laptop set, thereby ensuring that students will have access to modern computing technology. We will continue to increase the number of data projectors in the school as these have proven very popular teaching tools. This year also sees the introduction of the laser cutter in TAS. We are one of the very few state schools to have our own cutter, which is a high end piece of technology that will enable students to create complex shapes out of variety of materials. Laser cutting is the process of using a powerful laser to cut and/or engrave items from flat sheets of material like plastic, wood and many other materials.

On a personal note, last week I announced to the school that I will be retiring from Marsden at the end of the term. I have greatly appreciated the thanks and best wishes I have received in person, by email and phone, from the school community. It was not an easy decision and was one I had pondered for some time, but I do think it is the right decision and the right time for me. 39 years ago I began my career as a professional teacher out in the western suburbs. Over the course of my career I have enjoyed working in many different schools before finally becoming the Principal of Marsden. One of the things that has stood me in good stead as a school leader is wisdom born out of experience. One of the things that will be a great challenge in public schools in the near future is leadership succession planning. The ranks of principals is mainly occupied at this time by people who are approaching retirement age. There will be a significant turnover of principals in the next 5 years as Baby Boomers move on. Replacing them will be younger educators, who will undoubtedly have strong technical skills, but may lack the experience and depth of knowledge of leading and managing people. After all, leading teachers is essentially about building and maintaining relationships and coordinating the efforts of staff across the school. To have a school staff working together harmoniously towards common goals is an art form. I wonder what the school education landscape will look like in 5-10 years? I am sure to be an interested sideline observer.

Gus Vrolyk
Principal

Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 23rd February in the Library at 7:30pm
**Whooping cough (Pertussis)**
Several children attending Marsden High School have been diagnosed with Whooping cough (Pertussis).

What are the symptoms?
In vaccinated cases whooping cough may present as a very mild illness with very few symptoms, for example a mild cough at night.

Some cases may have a more typical presentation including a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Whooping cough can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?
Whooping cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Whooping cough can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?
Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of whooping cough in the school. Parents should consider keeping at home their children with a cough. Children who are diagnosed with whooping cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.

For further information please refer to the NSW Health factsheet on whooping cough (available from http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Pertussis.aspx) or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187.

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### School holiday dates:
- **Term 1**
  - Last day of term Fri 8 April
- **Term 2**
  - Students start Tues 27 April
  - Last day of term Fri 1 July
- **Term 3**
  - Students start Tues 19 July
  - Last day of term Fri 23 Sept
- **Term 4**
  - Students start Mon 10 Oct
  - Last day of term Fri 16 Dec

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### February
- 15 Yr 11 Information Evening
- 18 School Swimming Carnival
- 23 P&C Meeting
- 25 School Photos

### March
- 2 Zone Swimming Carnival
  - Parent Teacher Night Yr 7 & 12
- 3 School Photos
- 4 Clean Up Australia Day
- 8 Open Day 4.30pm – 6.30pm
- 12 12-14 Robotics
- 14-16 Yr 7 Camp
- 16-18 Robotics Competition – Homebush
- 17 SNSSA Swimming Carnival
- 29-8 Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 29-8 Library closed for stocktake
- 29 P&C Meeting
- 30-6 Robotics Hawaii Competition

### April
- 4-5 CHS Swimming Carnival
  - CHS Diving Carnival
- 7 Vaccinations

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All students are to collect OPAL cards from front office at recess and lunch only

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**Years 7 and Year 12**
**Parent Teacher Night**
**Wednesday 2 March 4-6pm**
**School Hall**

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend
Deputy Principal Report

A new year, another set of resolutions.
Welcome back to all our wonderful students. This year I am looking after students in Years 11 & 12, while Mr. King is looking after students in Years 7-10.

Year 12 students have 3 terms to consolidate and improve their ranks in their subjects and they can do this by really focusing on their work and not letting others distract them from their goals.

Year 11 students are starting on their pathway towards their future and they too have to become focused on building a strong foundation of knowledge so they have a depth of understanding for their Year 12 studies.

For both groups of students, important decisions have to be made this term about their future pathways and Mrs Hart and Mrs Hooper, in the Careers’ office, are available to assist students with their applications for tertiary institutions and any other enquiries. They are in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

There is an information evening for all parents and students of year 11 on 15th February in the Hall at 6.00pm. Students will receive their assessment booklets and parents will be given a briefing on what lies ahead for the next two years.

In late July, we will be hosting a number of students from the Wellspring International Bilingual School in Vietnam and we are looking for parents and students who are willing to act as hosts for the duration of their stay. The students will be attending our school and there will a number of excursions organized to show off our wonderful city. There is a proposal that students from Marsden travel to Vietnam next year in a reciprocal exchange. If you are interested in acting as a host, please see either Mr. King or myself for more information.

Ms Paczkowski
Deputy Principal

An introduction to Marsden IEC

When new Year 7 students come to Marsden High, they often wonder about a particular group of students in the playground who can’t speak much English. These students in fact have a lot in common with Year 7 students because they are also new to the school and share much the same feelings of nervousness, uncertainty and excitement. They are all new arrivals in our country and as such, need our help to learn English and get used to our school system.

At Marsden, the help is provided by the Intensive English Centre (IEC) which also accepts new arrivals (mainly Years 7 to 11) from other local high schools for an intensive English language preparation course across key learning areas lasting about three terms. Three terms to teach someone a new language so that they can cope with the curriculum demands of a normal high school is a big task, but the combination of experienced teachers, motivated students and intensive teaching methods have proven to be highly successful at Marsden IEC.

The success of IEC students is also attributable to the fact that the IEC operates as an integral part of the school, even though IEC classes are completely separate from regular high school classes. As soon as they are enrolled, IEC students are immersed in the daily life of a typical Australian high school with recesses and lunchtimes providing highly productive open-air lessons in playground etiquette, body language, inter-cultural awareness and successful communication strategies.

This learning process is, of course, a two-way street where all students at Marsden have a unique opportunity to not only help but learn from representatives of over fifteen different cultures on a daily basis. All that is needed is a smile, no language required!

General information
Marsden IEC is part of a network of fifteen IECs located throughout the Sydney metropolitan area whose main role is to prepare migrant students from a non-English speaking background for high
school studies in Australia. Although the focus of this preparation is obviously to improve students’ English language competence, the centre also provides bilingual welfare support in order to assist students to overcome social and cultural difficulties during the crucial period of transition to life in a new country. The bilingual support staff at Marsden IEC also provide interpreting and translating services in Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Persian to facilitate communication with all parents at Marsden HS. In addition, an IEC is the first point of contact for all newly arrived migrant students who require English language competency assessment and subsequent placement into their local high schools. Marsden IEC mainly places students into Marsden HS, Carlingford HS, Cumberland HS, Epping BHS, Cheltenham GHS, Riverside GHS, Cherrybrook Technology H, Castle Hill HS and Galston HS.

For more information, please have a look at the Marsden IEC video posted on the Marsden High School website.

Mr Nhan Nguyen
Head Teacher IEC

GRADE SPORT 2016
Students that have been selected in the Talented Sports Program will compete in Grade sport each Tuesday afternoon in the Northern Suburbs Zone competition. The summer competition will run during Terms 1 and 4. This year we will have the following teams; Opens and 15s Boys touch football, 15s Girls touch football and Opens Boys cricket.

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SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Students are reminded that the school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday February 18th at Cabarita Pool. The carnival is compulsory for Years 7, 8 and 9 whilst competitors are welcome from Years 10, 11 and 12. All students attending the carnival must return their permission note (available from the PE staffroom).

Each year the numbers of students participating in the races at the swimming carnival are increasing so please come along and compete and enjoy the day.

Library News
Welcome to 2016 in your school Library. We are starting the year with two displays of books to celebrate 2 special events. Chinese New Year on Monday 8th February which will be the Year of the Monkey. All books are available for borrowing, come in and browse around.

Also Valentine’s Day is approaching on February 14. Get in the mood with one of our many books with a romance theme for you to read. Come and browse the displays. Our Valentine’s Display was set up this year by two of our FANTASTIC volunteers/monitors Bridie and Leo who are now in Year 8.

Volunteers
If you are interested in Volunteering in the Library as a Library Monitor please come and see Mrs Knight or myself in the Library.

Ms Langelaar Teacher Librarian
Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography.

Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code – VBW MAV V5D

Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day.

Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

All students will be photographed on the day in YEAR GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL PORTRAIT SHOTS.

Naturally we want to include all of our students in the annual year photos of our student population but to do this they must be wearing FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM on the day, including black shoes and SCHOOL TIE.

Please make sure your TIE is available. Uniform shop is open Tuesday 8.30 - 10.30am and Wednesday 8.30 - 10.30am

Extras for Year 12 students:

- Each year 12 student MUST provide a recent portrait ID PHOTOGRAPH to be able to complete their HSC examinations.
- These photographs will be provided free of charge when the final paperwork is completed.

Both an information flyer and envelopes listing the costs and choices of the different photo packages WILL BE HANDED OUT IN ROLL CALL.

Note: EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE THEIR OWN ENVELOPE.

REMEMBER:
- PAY ON THE DAY (OR ONLINE BEFORE)
- CORRECT MONEY
- SEPARATE ENVELOPES FOR EACH PERSON PLEASE.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au or to my email address.

Mr. Jim Simaitis
Photography Coordinator
jim.simaitis@det.nsw.edu.au
Now we are seniors

Year 11 students, parents and carers are invited to attend an information evening to assist in understanding the senior school and in making the most of the HSC. The details for the information evening are as follows.

Date: Monday 15th February 2016  
Time: 6.00 – 7.00pm  
Venue: Hall, Marsden High School

Areas for discussion will include: NSW Board of Studies rules and regulations for the HSC, Marsden High School Assessment Policy, study requirements and tertiary options.

The Year 11 Assessment Booklet will also be handed out and explained on this night.

All Year 11 students are expected to attend with a parent/carer. For more information please phone the school on 9874 6544. Please complete the section below and return to your roll call teacher by Wednesday 10th February.

We look forward to meeting Year 11 parents and guardians on the night.

Mr van der Heide  
Ms M Paczkowski  
Mr G Vrolyk  
Year Advisor  
Deputy Principal  
Principal

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Now we are seniors  
Monday 15th February 2016

Family Name:........................................................................................................................................

Number of people attending.......................................................................................................................
Uniform Policy

Marsden High School is a “uniform wearing” school and all students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. The Department of Education and Communities supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff. The Department recognises that NSW has a long history of school uniforms being decided by the local school community.

A school uniform identifies students as belonging to Marsden High School. We expect students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

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Uniform Practice

- Uniform is to be worn at all times for class and excursions unless specifically stated otherwise.
- Students that are not in full school uniform will not be allowed to go on excursions and no refund will be issued if the student arrives out of full school uniform on the day of the excursion.
- Full school uniform is to be worn during examination periods.
- Sports uniform is to be worn for PE and sport lessons only. Students are to change into regular uniform after PE lessons.

Out of Uniform

1. Students MUST have a parental note dated and signed, which includes name, Year and roll class of the student. **It is the student's responsibility to get a purple coloured uniform pass** from the Deputy Principal of their year group before the start of the school day.
2. Students must show the pass to their roll teacher. Student's names will be entered on the green uniform sheet in the roll folder with an N (Note).
3. Students will need to produce their pass whenever questioned about their uniform by a teacher.

Out of Uniform – Without a Pass

1. The Students name will be recorded on the school's green daily uniform monitoring sheet during roll call.
2. The Student’s names that appear on the green sheet will be recorded and entered into Sentral (our student recording system). On the third occasion students will be issued with an after school detention.
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| **Unacceptable Boys Shoes:**                                 |
| Features:                                                     |
| - Splashes of colour/white (shoes must be totally black, inc. shoelaces and sole) |
| - Canvas upper                                                |
| Eg Rabens                                                     |
| Black soft sole Sports shoe with soft soles                   |

| **Acceptable Girl's Shoes:**                                 |
| Features:                                                     |
| - Leather upper providing protection to the majority of the upper foot |
| - Laced (preferred) or strapped* (leather strap)              |
| - Heal and sole with non-slip grip                            |

| **Unacceptable Girl's Shoes:**                               |
| Features:                                                     |
| - The majority of the upper foot is unprotected.              |
| - Smooth sole with little grip                                |
| - No/token heel                                               |
| - Thin/soft leather offering little protection                |

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Ballet Flats are not acceptable

* Students undertaking practical based subjects need to wear leather lace-up shoes that protect feet against drops and spills. W H & S requirements may result in students who are not wearing shoes with sufficient protection being excluded from some practical activities
How to install School Enews

**iPhone and iPad Users**
1) Press App Store icon on your device
2) Press Search and type in “Enews”
3) Press “Get”, the app will download
4) Press “Open” and accept “push alerts”
5) Search for your school name

**Android Users**
1) Press Play Store icon on your device
2) Press magnifying glass and type in “Enews”
3) Press “Install”, the app will download
4) Press “Open”
5) Search for your school name

**Configure Push Alerts**
1) Press “Settings / Cog” icon
2) Turn off the lists you don’t want

**Other Smartphones and Tablets**
Visit http://app.schoolenews.com for more apps

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3) Under the “Subscribe” heading, tick on appropriate lists
4) Enter in your name and email address.
5) Click Subscribe (IMPORTANT: An email will be sent to your email address, you MUST click the “Activate Now” inside this email that is sent to you)

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.
West Ryde Rovers Football Club

WRRFC is celebrating its 60th year in the Ryde community supporting young players in developing not only football skills, but important and valuable life skills associated with team work and organised tasks and key performance indicators to improve all aspects of their football in association with FFA’s pathways of training and development.

Registrations Now Open
Boys and Girls ages 5 and Up

Under 6 and 7 receive a personal football

Register at: myfootballclub.com.au

Club Contacts:
Mens/Mixed - football.registrar@westrydrovers.asn.au
Womens - football.womens@westryderovers.asn.au

JOIN THE GAME

PLAY HOCKEY

PLAY HOCKEY
Come and try a new sport this winter season. Fantastic way to get fit, learn some new skills and have fun playing with friends. Beginners welcome. Experienced and qualified coaches.

COMP DETAILS
Training - Saturdays 10:30, 11:30, 1:30 at PITCH 2, Sydney Olympic Park
Discounts for 3-5 year olds girls and boys
Phone: 0415 643 330
Listing available in all lanes from Under 7 to Under 13

FREE “COME AND TRY HOCKEY” SESSIONS
SATURDAY 13/2/2016 and SATURDAY 20/2/2016
Under 7’s 10:15am - 11:30am
Under 11’s 10:15am - 11:30am
All Equipment supplied

PITCH2, Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre
5th Floor, 9/10 Olympic Park Drive, Sydney Olympic Park
Free car parking available in P4 carpark, take a ticket from boomsale, validate later

REGISTRATION DAY SATURDAY 20/2/2016 10 - 11:30 AM PITCH2

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