We are looking forward to the students from Wellspring International School, Hanoi, Vietnam visiting us in June. Approximately 15 students will be visiting and we are still looking for families who are interested in billeting one or two Vietnamese students for approximately one and a half weeks. The visiting students have excellent English skills as most of their classes are taught in English. It is anticipated that a return visit from Marsden to Hanoi will take place later in the year or early next year. Students who were involved in hosting will have priority for this return trip. See the attached Youtube link for an overview:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy7hQOGh6lY

If you are interested and/or need more information please contact Ms Paczkowski or Mr King, our Deputy Principals.

We are awaiting further information from Departmental officers as to when our school ventilation project can commence. The plan is to provide hot air extraction equipment for each classroom in the upper levels of Blacks A, B, C, D. On very hot days, hot air accumulates in these rooms, making learning conditions difficult. The project will provide for a large extraction fan that vents the hot air into the roof cavity. The roof itself will have a series of industrial extractor fans to remove hot air from the cavity into the air outside. Indications are that this could make a 3-4 degree difference in room temperature. We are hopeful that the project can commence the beginning of next term.

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Gus Vrolyk
Principal

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2016 Swimming House Points and Age Champions

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MARSFEST FoodFest 2016 – Friday 11th March
Marsden celebrates our diversity and the great atmosphere of our school on Friday 11th March with the MARSFEST FoodFest. Students will enjoy a selection of lunchtime treats and cultural cuisine available for purchase on the day, as well as an extended lunchtime in which to enjoy performances by some of our talented Marsden musicians.

MARSFEST FoodFest will be held inside the front entrance of our school, catering for a range of tastes with freshly cooked Beef Burritos, Filipino BBQ Chicken, and a sausage sizzle, as well as gelato and a great selection of sweets and drinks. Thai food will also be ready for collection on the day, with pre-orders happening at the SRC canteen from Wednesday 2nd March onwards. Huge thanks to our student leadership teams – the SRC (Yrs 7 – 12) and PLT (Prefecture Team) – for all of the hard work that goes into making MARSFEST possible.

If your son/daughter would like to be involved in organising future Marsden events, give them a gentle nudge to come along to the SRC (Student Representative Council) meetings every Friday in the Common Room.

Mrs Trish Swinkels & Ms Kara Tambree
SRC & PLT Coordinators

Welcome to English at Marsden
I am delighted to be back at Marsden High School after an absence of two years. It is lovely to see how the senior students have grown into beautiful young people. When I was last here they were just starting out in Years Seven and Eight.

It is a very exciting to be at the school at this time, as we have dynamic and talented staff who are dedicated to providing creative, stimulating and challenging opportunities for your child. Some of the extra curricula opportunities we are offering this year:

Debating: Ms Rubbo and Ms Denton have begun training and selecting a junior team to compete in the first round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The competition begins in Term Two, but the students will have several workshops and chances to learn the skills required before they go up against other local schools. Debating is an excellent way to refine persuasive argument skills and structure, and assists students with team work, essay writing, public speaking and planning extended answers.

School magazine: This is also being managed by Ms Rubbo and Ms Denton. Producing a school magazine allows students to learn a myriad of skills associated with print media, journalism, design, photography and organization. Many students have already signed up and been allocated responsibilities. We look forward to their final product!

Gifted and Talented: In Year Seven and Eight, we offer a selective stream known as the Pinnacle class. Students in this class are extended in their study of texts, the context of these texts, and there is plenty of scope in the assessment task for creative and outstanding work. In years 11 and 12 there are Extension opportunities for the HSC as well, however in every class, students are given the chance to stretch and develop their skills. With each assessment task, there is a sophisticated band within the marking criteria which suggests the level of knowledge, vocabulary, integration of ideas and level of competency with language required. Students need to really extend themselves to reach this level of excellence and the teachers are ready, willing and able to support students in aiming for this band.

At Marsden we also offer ESL support and classes from 7-12, and a rich Drama program from 9-12.

There are some great excursions coming up for all years, including a Shakespeare incursion, and several theatre excursions and guest speakers. Stay tuned for more details.

Currently, Year 12 are presenting speeches in Standard, Advanced and ESL; English Studies are creating a portfolio of work related to Australian Civics, Citizenship and Community. Year 11 are refining their Creative Writing and Reflection statements; Year 10 will be writing speeches as the Voices of their Generation; Year Nine are creating an Imaginary World Report; Year 8, a narrative
based on the Hero’s Journey and Year 7, persuasive speeches regarding biographies of the rich and famous.

Once the students have their assessment task notification, they have plenty of reading, research and drafting to do at home and at school. Year 8 have Literacy homework each week, and all years will soon be enlisted in a literacy program called Word Flyers which provides many interactive opportunities for growth in language. At all time, students should be reading as much and as widely as possible.

We look forward to meeting with parents and families at Open Night and Parent/Teacher interviews.

Nicki Hunt, HT English, ESL, Drama.

**Year 11 ESL writing task**

Year 11 ESL students have recently studied a poem entitled ‘My Father began as a god’ by Ian Mudie. One of their homework tasks was to imagine they were the father from the poem and to write a letter to their son. Here are two letters by students in 11 ESL 2.

By Yuxuan (Frank) Zhu
My dear son,
When you first came to this world, my world was completely changed. You are the most healthy, handsome and intelligent young man in the whole world. You are a treasure for me and I will do whatever I can to love you. As your father, I want you to be a greater person than me.

Firstly, I’m hoping for you to be thankful to your parents. I know we are two generations and we might have different views on things when you become a teenager. There is only one thing you need to know is your parents will always stand on your side and support you. You might have challenges that need to be faced. I will be the beacon for you that takes you from the darkness. I want you to be honest and be a person of integrity. You need to be generous and always help others. I know I am not a demonstrative father, but I will use concrete actions to be your model.

I will respect your life choices; all you need to do is have responsibility for yourself and your family. My son, dad believes you will be a good man. You will become an adult, be strong and make your life even better than mine. I might not be the best father to you but I will try my best to love you. I hope you can have all the virtues from me.

Always love you,
Dad.

By Dongju (Terence) Kim
My dear son,
Hey, son. It’s been a while to talk to you this deeply through a letter. Well, there is not much to say to you but just some memories about us.

Son, do you remember the dog house that I made for Max? When I was making it, you stayed with me to watch with curious and surprised eyes. When I finished it, you clapped for more than five minutes, didn’t you? At that time, you always followed me and tried to mimic what I did as well. You liked me a lot and you were a kind boy who knew how to appreciate even such little things.

Son, do you remember that first time you shouted at me and told me I was wrong? That was when you were playing lots of CD games. You spent a lot of time and money on it as well. That was very shocking to me. That night was long for me to think, but I realised that you were a little bit more grown up and started needing less help from me.

Son, do you remember? One day, you came to me and asked me for a drink at night together. That was unusual, but I did accept that without any hesitation. We had a long conversation. The time I guess was after your HSC and of course you asked me thousands of questions that even my brain
needed to be fired up to answer all of them. Also, we talked about other things as well such as other tips of life, relationships with girls and other things. We talked a lot and listened to each other as well.

Son, I see you have become such a decent and nice man, ready for your own life. But you will always be my son who is pure, lovely and kind. Remember that I will stay next to you for anything you want.

Have a good day, son.
I love you.
From Dad.

Library News
The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is about to begin!
The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge will open on the 7th March 2016. It closes on the 19th August for students.

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, to read more and to read more widely.

Students can logon through their Student Portal or go to the Link below and log in using their school internet logon and password: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
More Information to come on the PRC once it begins!

World Book Online
The Library subscribes to a fantastic Online resource that is an encyclopedia and so much more! You can use this from home as well as at school.
Give it a try at: http://www.worldbookonline.com
ID: marsdenhs
Password: library

Just for Fun:
Try this quiz from World Book Online
Just scan the QR code below:

Enjoy and see you at the Library
Ms Langelaar and Mrs Knight

SCHOOL PHOTOS
These took place in Week 5 & 6. Thank you to all those students who remembered all of the instructions and came to school on the day dressed in full school uniform with your tie.

Thank you also to Sasha Aavali, Olivia Forrest, Conor Enright and Angela Singh for their valued assistance on the day.

The photographers were very impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the students and were able to progress through the day with little disruption.
When all of 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 Year meetings. 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.

**A message from Miss Tambree to Year 7:** We are well and truly settling into the term and what a busy few weeks it has been. With peer support, rugby league programs, SRC, science club and TSP all getting ready for competitions and events. I would like to congratulate all the students who have embraced Marsden and become involved with all the activities and programs! I can't wait to see you all achieve great things.

Speaking of great things, our camp is coming up! Make sure you pay your money to the front office as soon as possible, please remember you can pay by instalments. See Miss Tambree in the PDHPE staffroom if you have any worries. Parents, students’ should have received a camp note with attached medical information and checklist for the three days planned. More information will be available as we finalise numbers. This really is an enriching experience for students and crucial for development of teamwork.

Swimming carnival: A big congratulations and good luck to all students that are off to ‘Zone Swimming Carnival’ next week. Hugo Ralston-Andersson, Zak Ashworth, Lachlan Baikie, India Dorahy, Jemma Ottawa, Nami Shimada, Luke Smith, Elisabeth Spackman and William Spenceley.

- **Open night:**  
  A number of Year 7 may be involved  
  Year 7 Dance performance  
  Year 7 recount  
  Individual students assisting with various faculties

- **Zone Swimming Carnival (2/3)**
- **Parent Teacher (2/3)**
- **Girls knockout game against Pittwater (7/3)**

**Open Netball Knockout**

Wednesday was 35 degrees and a lovely day for a Netball game. Our open girls played against Cheltenham Girls. Miss Tambree was extremely proud of the girls’ attitude throughout the game. Cheltenham were the better team on the day, winning the knockout to go through to the next round. All students from both schools were displaying great sportsmanship and despite the heat, played extremely well. Congratulations to both teams on their effort.
AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2016

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2016. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact Ms Lauren Soutter or Ms Pam Howes at the school on 9874 6544.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards

Gus Vrolyk
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I/we __________________________________________________________
Name of parent/carer

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Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________      date:   __________
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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.

Starting to think about getting a job? Want to learn some great tips on how to apply and get a holiday or part-time job?

Join us for a FREE interactive workshop and learn the skills needed to stand out from the crowd.

**Where:** Wallumatta Room, Ryde Library

**When:** Tuesday 12 April, 10am – 2pm

FREE for Young People aged 14-18

Register: www.cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au

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CAMERON WEBB vs DAVID PETRALITO
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Attention: Parents/supervisors of Learner drivers

Do you want to help your Learner driver?

As young people approach driving age it is important they and their parents/carers are aware of what to expect as a Learner driver, and how to achieve the 120 supervised driving hours in their logbook.

In conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), the City of Ryde is holding a free workshop on the evening of Tuesday 15 March 2016.

This workshop offers practical advice and information to parents/carers and supervisors on how to help Learner drivers become safer drivers. We also recommend that the Learner driver attend.

The workshop will provide information about:

- The Safer Drivers Course
- Understanding the Graduated Licensing Scheme and the current laws of L and P licence holders
- Handy hints for completing the Learner driver log book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Tips for supervising Learner drivers
- Young driver issues

The workshop details are:

Date: Tuesday 15 March 2016
Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Location: Eucalyptus Room, Level 1A (above Ryde Library)
Address: 1 Pope St, Ryde - at Top Ryde City shopping centre
         (3 hours free parking available)
Cost: FREE
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