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## Principal's Message



The start to the year is well and truly underway, with excellent work occurring across our school. Whilst students are highly engaged in classes it is important to remind families of the importance of being on time, and prepared for the start of each day. Our first bell goes at 8.20am each morning as a cue for students to move to

class, and it is expected that students are on the school grounds by this time. We no longer start our day with a form class, so our lessons, and learning time begins at the start of each and every day.

In Week 6 of this term (the week starting Monday 2nd of March) we will have a strong focus on reading, with additional activities and competitions available for students across the school. This is also a week where we would encourage families to focus on reading at home. Reading can open up many opportunities for students across all subject areas and will continue to be a strong focus throughout the year, with Week 6 of each term remaining a time for us to celebrate and build on the strong daily practices around reading development. As a school we will have a clear focus on developing student vocabulary (and using these words in speech and print), fluency (being able to read quickly and naturally, recognising words automatically and grouping words quickly) and comprehension (building meaning and making inferences from text). All subject areas will be working to assist across all year levels to help enhance our student's work in this area.

2014 Yr 12 student Madison Elliott-Hicks was recognised at the Enable Dux Dinner on Tuesday night. The Enable group is the group of State High Schools from across Logan, and the night was a great opportunity to recognise the efforts of the Dux from the various schools, and their commitment to academic excellence. Mayor Pam Parker and representatives from Council, State and Federal Governments joined the students and Principals in celebrating the outstanding work occurring in our schools, and in particular the academic efforts of our highest achievers. Madison was also successful in gaining a prestigious Vice Chancellor's Scholarship from QUT

to help support her work towards her Bachelor of Engineering degree. We wish Madison every success in the future.

Next week Darren Dhillon, one of our 2015 Schools Captains will join me at the Statewide Principal's Conference in Brisbane. Darren has been chosen as one of six students from across Queensland to participate in a student panel at the Conference. The audience will include principals from all primary, special and secondary schools across Queensland, along with education officials from Regional and Central Office. This is great recognition for both Darren and the school and I've no doubt he will do us proud.

The P&C do an outstanding job supporting our students and work hard to ensure our uniform shop and canteen are providing a great service to the school community. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 3.30pm in the Admin Building. Our next meeting is on March the 4th.

**Regards,**  
**Andrew Peach**

## Performing Arts



*Our Year 7 teachers*

Over the last two weeks, Dance students in year 7, 8 and 12 have taken part in various cultural dance workshops from a range of different cultures. We were fortunate enough to welcome two wonderful cultural dance companies, Heilani (Polynesian Dance) and Dance Masala (Bollywood Dance) to inspire and challenge our students to improve their dance abilities as well as gain an insight into the many different cultures we are fortunate enough to be surrounded by in Australia.

The students took away so much knowledge from each of these workshops and developed a deeper knowledge of their current Dance units. The smiles on each student's face as they left the workshops, certainly indicated that a good time was had by all. Thank you to each of the Heads of Department that visited and weren't afraid to jump in for a dance or two!

**Simone Fallon**  
**Dance/Drama Teacher**



## Ipswich Railway Museum

Year 12 Art students visited the Ipswich Railway Museum on Wednesday the 18th February. They had the opportunity to have a guided tour of the museum with the focus on enhancing their photography and drawing skills. Their unit of work is 'Art as Navigation and Documentation' and it is important for them to learn and experiment with different art forms as they prepare to make their first body of work. Drawing to point perspective of these massive regal locomotives is more challenging than it at first appears but all 19 students enjoyed the experience.

Our MCT Dance auditions were held recently with over 90 students auditioning to be part of our Performance Academy. Congratulations to those 49 students from year 7-12 who were successful and we look forward to seeing you at all Monday afternoon rehearsals from 2:45 to 4pm.



## Ancient History at The Abbey Museum

On Tuesday 17th February, the year 11 & 12 Ancient history classes visited The Abbey Museum, a beautiful museum in Caboolture. The museum contained legitimate relics and artefacts from thousands of years of human evolution. Some of the most popular exhibitions include the medieval English period, ancient Japanese samurais, and ancient Egyptian tombs.

The Abbey museum features an onsite ancient Egyptian and Roman archaeological dig. After hours of carefully digging away at the soil, just as real life archaeologists would, the students discovered replica relics including mummified cats, pottery, bone fragments, amulets and even a life sized sarcophagus. Clearing away the dirt from the sarcophagus the students then opened the lid and discovered a mummified body. After emptying the sarcophagus the students were allowed to climb into the tomb and become mummies themselves, which they loved.

Overall the students of year 11 & 12 Ancient History enjoyed their day of being archaeologists, an opportunity rarely awarded to students of Marsden High.

**By Jayden Wilson**



## ARTIE 2015

On Wednesday 18th February we held our term 1 ARTIE launch. ARTIE, which stands for Achieving Results through Indigenous Education, is a program that works within the school providing support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

They will also be providing tutors to work in class with the students starting week 8 of term 1.

Wednesday's launch was a great success with 110 of our Indigenous students making a pledge of 90% attendance to ARTIE

**Michaela Williams**  
**Community Education Counselor**





## Year 12 Legal Studies

The year 12 Legal Studies students are currently studying family and the law. As part of the unit a lucky couple from both classes were married in class. Congratulations to Brianna, Emily, Kimberly and Nelson.

**Regards**  
**Tony Le Couteur**



## Year 12 RACQ Docu-Drama and Sexual Health Presentations

Last Friday the year 12's took part in an RACQ Docudrama and Sexual Health Presentations. The Docudrama focuses on educating students about the Fatal Five on Queensland's roads through a real-life crash scenario, which was played out in front of the cohort. This scenario involved Police, Paramedics, Funeral Directors and three young adults who made the wrong decision after leaving a party. These three roles were acted by three of our own students, Kayla Bone, Zachary Tame and Max Stanaway. The performance provided the grade 12 students with a powerful, moving and impactful experience that was supported by lessons delivered by the RACQ members regarding road safety.

The cohort was also given a Sexual Health talk by our School Based Youth Health Nurse Sarah Mitchell and her team of nurses, about the facts, statistics and lessons on current sexual health issues. These were delivered in small groups allowing our students to ask questions and discuss major issues. This proved to be a success with our students as they went away with an informed opinion on sexual health.

Both the RACQ Docudrama and Sexual Health presentations were a great success and have left a positive impression on our year 12 cohort. Thank you very much to the staff and students who were actively involved in the organisation and delivery of the day, in particular Kylie Steinhardt, Ben Lloyd and Nicole Ireland. The continued support by both staff and students assisted in making the Year 12 Docudrama Day as successful as possible.



## Industrial Liaison Update

February has not even come to an end, and we already have eleven students signed up to either an apprenticeship or traineeship!

- Joseph Rus - Tiling
- Natasha Purdon - Business Retail
- Carissa Poulter - Food Processing
- Chloe Stephens - Food Processing
- Deziah Tufele - Business Administration
- Breanna Curry - Business Retail
- Bree Sonderlund - Retail Operations
- Raymond Davis - Retail Operations
- Ellie Barrett - Retail Operations
- Kayla Jakavicius - Retail Operations
- Andre Collins - Commercial Cooking

Congratulations to all these students and we wish you every success!

## Immunisations and Photos

### Immunisations:

All year 8 and year 10 students have been given immunisation forms to complete and return to the school. The first round of immunisations will take place at school on Tuesday 17th March.

Please ensure that your child's forms have been returned to the Student Foyer. If you did not receive the forms, spares are available from Student Foyer. Thanks.



## School Photos:

Years 7, 8 and 9 students will have their school photos taken on Tuesday 24th February.

Please ensure your children are in correct school uniform, no makeup and single sleeper/stud only in each ear. Students are to hand their photo forms directly to the photographer.

All students will have their photos taken regardless of whether they are ordering them or not. These photos are used on the student ID cards and on attendance rolls.

All students were given a payment envelope from Silver Rose Photography. (Spare envelopes can be collected from Student Foyer).

Could you please complete the details on the envelope and enclose the CORRECT money. No Change is given. The student is to bring this envelope on Tuesday and hand it to the photographer at the time of their photos.

### The school does not take the money for the photos.

If your child is in Years 10, 11 or 12 and missed having their photos taken or did not have their payment envelope on the day, they can come to the photographers in N Block from 8am on Tuesday and have their photo taken or hand in their envelope.

There will be one more catch up day for photos on Friday 27th February.

## Parent/Teacher Evening

Parent Teacher afternoon/evening will be held on Monday 27 April 2015 in the Sports Hall (Week 2 Term 2).

Online bookings will be open for these interviews on 2nd April 2015.

Further information will be sent home closer to these dates.

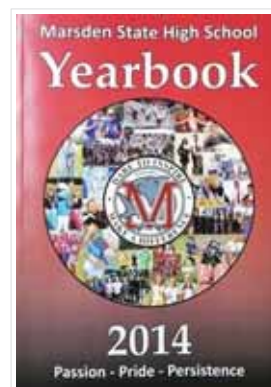
## Captain's Excursion

On Monday 16th February our Indigenous leaders attended the 2015 Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Constitutional Convention. The girls participated in workshops and debates about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition in the Constitution Vs. a Treaty. Over 15 State and Independent schools participated in the program. For more information regarding Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the constitution please go to the "Recognise" campaign website <http://www.recognise.org.au/>



## 2014 School Year Book

The 2014 Yearbook has arrived. If you pre-ordered your copy last year show your ID at the payment office to collect your copy. If you haven't pre-ordered you can still purchase the yearbook for \$16 at the payment office. Get in quick as copies are limited.



## Dates to Remember

Friday 20 February	Senior Rugby League Camp
Tuesday 24 February	School Photos – Yrs 7,8,9
Friday 27 February	School Photos Catch-up
Monday 16 March	Logan District Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 17 March	Immunisations Yr 8 and Yr 10
Thursday 19 March	National Closing The Gap Day
Friday 20 March	Reporting opens for all Years
Friday 20 March	Harmony Day

## Community Announcements

Special Olympics Logan is holding a FREE sports day for people with an intellectual disability in the Logan area. The free event will be held on Saturday 28 February 2015 at 10:00am-2:00pm at Logan Metro Indoor Sports Centre, 357 Browns Plains Road, Crestmead. If you are interested in becoming a Special Olympics athlete, coach or volunteer, please come along and enjoy the fun!

## Interschool Sport Payment Notice

Payment of \$35 for Summer Interschool is due by the end of Term 1. Please wait until an invoice is received from Interschool Sport coaches before paying. Invoices will be released shortly.

**Regards**

**Jesse Devereaux**

## HOUSEKEEPING @ Marsden SHS

Welcome to all our new and returning families, we're looking forward to another exciting year at Marsden. To assist us in making your child's first few weeks run smoothly we would ask that you do not leave items such as drinks, lunches or other forgotten objects at the Student Foyer. With more than 2000 students attending Marsden it is impossible for Michelle and Sam to ensure that your child will receive them.

We also ask that you do not respond to calls made from your student's mobile phone during school hours. If your child is sick or requires assistance they must come to the Student Foyer and the ladies will phone you on their behalf. No student will be permitted to leave the school without prior written notice, so please ensure you provide a note or an email to advise us if your child will be leaving school early. If your child will be away from school, please phone the attendance line

3299 0555 then press '1' to leave an absence message, or email [attendance@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:attendance@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au) before 8am.

Thank you for your assistance.

## STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

A big thank you to those families of Year 7 and 8 students who have joined our school in 2015. Your commitment to your child's education by participating in our student resource scheme will ensure that your student has access to all the resources we provide to enhance your child's educational experience.

Participation in the SRS entitles your child access to all extra curricular activities such as excursions, camps and sporting events as well as printing at school and resources for practical subjects such as art, manual arts and food technology. For senior students it also ensures their ability to attend semi formal, formal and end of year celebratory excursions.

For those families that have not yet returned the SRS participation forms, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to the payment office as soon as possible.

## Uniform NEWS

**NEW OPENING HOURS: Mon, Tues, Thurs  
8.00am to noon.**

**COMING SOON TO UNIFORM SHOP:**

Compression Shorts with MSHS logo  
High Viz Shirts for Industrial department students

We will notify you in a later newsletter as to when they have arrived and prices

**1st Term Only Winter Uniform Sale**

(while stock lasts, whichever comes first)

Jacket (size 3XS only) \$55 ... save \$13

Jumper \$52 ... save \$10

Vest \$40 ... save \$12

**Regards**

**Pauline Pokoina**

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

**Marsden SHS Payment Office**

**Normal Opening Times -**

**Monday to Friday 7.45am – 12.00pm**

## Changes to school times

With the addition of year 7 to the school for the first time ever, significant changes needed to occur in order to cater for the future needs of all learners. One such change is to our school times in an effort to ensure the continued safety of all students. After extensive consultation with a number of stakeholder groups, including our very active P and C, our school times have changed.

School commences at 8.25 am. ***All students must be at school no later than 8.20am when the warning bell sounds to ensure they are seated and ready to learn by 8.25am.*** Junior students will continue to finish at 2.30pm. Senior students will finish their day at 2.15pm on days other than their flexi days, when they (if approved for flexi – yr 11 and 12) will conclude after session 3. This is one aspect that has evolved as a result of discussions with representatives from a variety of stakeholder groups. We look forward to ongoing discussion to ensure the safety, wellbeing and education of all of our students.

Please direct any questions or enquiries to [enquiry@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au)