



11 August 2015

Principal's Message



After consultation with our staff, students, parents and wider community a decision has been made to return to our previous timetable format for the 2016 School year. This will mean our start time will be 8.35am, with all students finishing at 2.30pm. The 2015 timetable was designed to accommodate the additional students

arriving this year with the introduction of Year 7 by splitting the lunch breaks and finish times of senior and junior students. In reality we have found the introduction of the Senior Tuckshop and the interaction of students at lunch to be positive and appropriate at times where all students are in the playground at the same time. It is also apparent that our split finish times do not greatly reduce student numbers departing the school at the end of the day with many students waiting for younger siblings or buses. The timetable structure can be viewed below.

2016 Timetable Structure

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.35 – 8.45	Form	Form	Form	Form	Form
8.45 – 9.55	Session 1				
9.55 – 11.05	Session 2				
11.05 – 11.40	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.40 – 12.50	Session 3				
12.50 – 1.20	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1.20 – 2.30	Session 4				

Well done to our MCT Dance Crew who recently won the Regional Dancelife competition, qualifying them for the finals in Sydney on the middle weekend of the September holidays. This builds on the close second placing at the House of Champions competition on the June holidays and it is great to see the students and staff working so hard for success in this program.

If you, or anyone you know, is able to assist with sponsorship or a donation to help the group of twenty get to Sydney please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Our Celebrating Success parades last week were once again a great success. Our high performing academic students and their families showed great pride in the efforts of our students and it is pleasing to see the high standards of our academic programs continue to lead to success.

We have welcomed a number of international groups over the last month. Teaching groups from Papua New Guinea and Indonesia have come to see the outstanding programs and processes in our Industrial Design and Technology and Food Technology areas, while this week a group of Japanese students spent the week at our school as part of their study tour. I know our students were excited by the opportunity to interact with our guests and it was very pleasing to see the care and support provided to our guests. A special thank you to Mrs Alison Hartman for her work in coordinating the visit and to the staff involved in supporting the in school and homestay programs.

Our next meeting for the 2016 NASA Tour will be held on Wednesday 26th August at 5pm. Students and families who have previously expressed an interest in this tour will receive a letter outlining details of the meeting. New families interested in this opportunity can contact the school for further information.

Congratulations to Sione Tuivai from Yr 11 who has edited a National Science Week video that will be published on the Brisbane Broncos website in the lead up to National Science Week over the next four Sunday's. Sione stepped in at the last minute to do an extremely professional job which impressed the staff in Canberra leading National Science Week and the staff at the Broncos. You can view his work by watching any of the videos on the Broncos website on the following four Sundays.

Well done to Kloe Schacklow and Lydia Benea who were recognised at last week's Health Alliance Breakfast for their outstanding commitment to the Cert III Health Support Traineeships at Logan Hospital. They are pictured below with Health Minister Cameron Dick. This group of trainees from a number of Logan schools represents half of Queensland's Health trainees in a growing industry.

Finally, welcome to our new Deputy Principal Ms Rebecca Evans. Ms Evans replaces Ms Winterbourn who has taken maternity leave for the remainder of the year and will no doubt be a great addition to our school.

Andrew Peach
Executive Principal



*Kloe Schacklow and Lydia Benea with Health Minister
Cameron Dick*

Qparents

QParents is coming!

Great news: Marsden State High School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in the following week.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>

Win an iPhone 6!

By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register for QParents by 23 August 2015.

Kokoda Challenge

In 2015, Marsden SHS again entered the Kokoda Challenge Jim Stillman Cup event held in the Gold Coast Hinterland on the weekend of the 18-19th of June. Twenty-four students as well as six teachers entered the bush shortly before midday on Saturday and emerged battered but not broken in the small hours of Sunday morning. Congratulations to all staff and students who took part in the event and thank you to everyone in the school community who supported the teams in various ways throughout the build-up and during the event.

Tristan Hill
Youth Support Coordinator



Champions of Champions Futsal

Marsden Makos u13 and u14 Futsal teams competed at the Champions of Champions Tournament on Tuesday 28th of July at Oxley Futsal Centre. The u14 team came first in their pool but were knocked out in the Semi Final by the eventual winners in a nail-biter. The Semi ended 2-3 against the Makos in extra time. Their fantastic efforts still qualified them for the Australasian Tournament later in the year. Well done boys and coach, Mr Leong.

The u16 team competed on Friday 31st of August as the reigning champs from the previous tournament. The Makos were a crowd favourite. The unofficial goal of the tournament went to the boys with a back heel assist from Bill Hobbs for a back heel through the goalkeeper's legs by Stuart Kirk. The crowd at Oxley went crazy. Unfortunately, the boys were knocked out of the tournament after facing some stubborn defensives and controversial time-wasting. Although defeated, the boys conducted themselves with class and were a pleasure to coach.

Mr Devereaux
Marsden State High School

Year 12 Football Excellence: Linden Farr's Prague Tour with Olympic FC

The trip kicked off with a long flight, first heading towards Korea and then straight to Prague. The training had begun from the first day we arrived, and the following 2 days our team would

be facing the stronger of opponents Czech republic team, AC Sparta Praha (famous for players such as Pavel Nedvěd, Tomáš Rosický and Petr Čech), and Croatian Team Hajduk split. We came with two defeats but much experience to be taken out of the matches.

After days of constant training twice a day, we took on another Czech team SK Slavia Praha, and next day the Bosnian team SK Sarajevo. Both matches ended in very close defeats. The next day we took on our final opponents the Hungarian team VASAS Kubala Academy, where we unfortunately lost 3-2.

With much experience taken out of every match it was a worthwhile tournament. We made some friends with most of the teams and learnt that most players were national players, and only at the age of 17 and some even 16, were playing for professional teams.

The Grand final of the tournament faced off with the two teams AC Sparta Praha, and the Brazilian team Fluminense FC. Sparta won on penalties and became champions. We had some days left of training and then we left Prague to make our way home with a lot of experience gained over the period of time we stayed.

Linden Farr

Rugby League News

It has been a huge week of Rugby League at MSHS with teams from every grade representing the school at the annual Logan District Gala Day. The Year 10 team were dominant all day, taking out the trophy finishing the day undefeated and winning the grand final 7 tries to 1. The grade 8's also performed strongly and narrowly went down in the grand final.

Also this week the Yr7 Broncos Cup team battled it out in their grand final. The Mako Pups went down 24-20 in a thriller, conceding a try in the final minute of the game. Coach Mr Johnston was very proud of the effort his team put in. The Mako Pups had to defeat many of the best rugby league schools in Queensland to make their way to the final, and whilst they didn't get the result on grand final day, it was an outstanding effort to make the final and all involved should be congratulated.



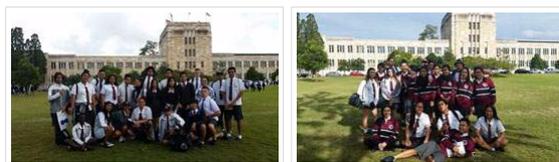
The Yr10 Interschool team with trophy after winning the interschool Gala Day three years in a row.

QCS Booster Days

On Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th July, 41 senior students, accompanied by Ms Hartman and Mr Le Couteur participated in the QCS Booster Program designed for OP-eligible students in Years 11 & 12 from selected high schools in Logan. The program was hosted by Peter Ellerton, Director of the UQ Critical Thinking Project and organised by the University of Queensland. The program enabled students to increase confidence in performing the QCS test and sought to increase the proportion of students with both the ambition & OP score to gain entry to university and to embed critical thinking pedagogy within schools

The students attending the program were benefitted through the encouragement of greater engagement in the learning process, increased confidence & ability in analysing & evaluating information, enhanced writing & communication skills and providing clarity of thought & expression. The Marsden students participated in a series of workshops with students and staff from other Logan schools.

Teachers were provided with tools & techniques to build the students' cognitive skills and prepare them for success in the QCS.



MCT Dance Crew

Congratulations! Our Junior MCT Dance crew members did a wonderful job and put in long hours to rehearse in preparation for Queensland Music Festival's 'Under This Sky' held at Logan Brothers Rugby Club. We are very proud of the commitment and dedication shown by the students. Many cast and crew commented on the exceptional behaviour and positive attitude shown by the students! If you are interested in knowing more about the event, you can check out the below link:

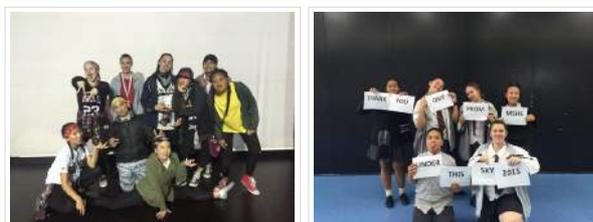
<http://qmf.org.au/whats-on/underthissky/>

Or view our media appearances (look out for the giant inflatable suits!):

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/07/26/musical-plan-change-citys-pr-problem>

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/08/02/logan-looks-skyward-brighter-future>

Miss Fallon
Dance/Drama Teacher
Junior MCT Coordinator



MCT DANCE CREW – Dancelife Unite National Qualifiers!

Our Senior MCT Dance Crew has qualified for NATIONALS! On Sunday 26th July the MCT Dance Crew competed at the Dancelife Unite Brisbane Regionals at Ormiston College. The crew went on stage and blew away the audience with their entertaining hip hop piece choreographed by Jak Reid and Ben Mitiau (Year 12 students). In a competition full of jazz dances, the crew stood out by a mile and ended up placing FIRST out of 10 schools with a score of 90/100.

The group is now in preparation for the Dancelife Unite National Competition that will be held at Luna Park in Sydney from 26th-28th September. As this was an unexpected success story, we would love for the Marsden SHS community to get behind our dancers and help them make it to Sydney. There are many fundraising efforts currently underway to make this happen! If you can help in any way, please contact Miss Turnbull (nturn101@eq.edu.au) for further information. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Dance students and we look forward to seeing them represent Marsden SHS at a national level!

Congratulations Miss Turnbull and students!

Artwaves

Representatives from the Logan Art Gallery visited Marsden SHS on Thursday the 6th of August to view art work created by students studying within the Art Program. Eleven students had their artwork selected to be showcased at the Logan Art Gallery in the prestigious school exhibition including:

- Pearl Siky-Marsters
- Kyle Bullecer
- Der Vue
- Clayton Uia
- Ty Brennan
- Lauri Turner
- Madison Rhodes
- Millie Hicks
- Chloe Hogan
- Jospeh Masima
- Elijah Moors

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts. Commendation must also be given to Lauri Turner and Jenna Kenney who created the official poster for the event.

We are exceptionally proud of our students and encourage you to view their work at the Logan Art Gallery from the 18th of September to the 24th of October. Please see the poster for more details.

Operation Christmas Child

As a part of the MAD student leadership program we are undertaking a project called Operation Christmas Child, an annual project directed by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian International Relief Organisation.



Operation Christmas Child includes collecting multiple items such as toys, hygiene items, stationary & other items, then packing them into shoeboxes to send to children in needy areas of the world.

To be successful with our project we need your help! Every shoebox that gets sent to children in need is recommended to have the following:

- Something to wear: e.g. a hat, a pair of socks, a pair of thongs, a singlet etc.
- Something to do: e.g. some stationary, a book for their schooling, colouring pencils, colouring book.
- Something to play: e.g. small toys such as a toy car, finger puppets, a slinky.
- Something to love: e.g. a small teddy bear to cuddle, a book.
- Toiletries: e.g. a face washer, soap, toothbrush.

Please note: items that denote violence are not permitted, food is prohibited.

The shoe boxes are also divided into age groups and genders depending on the content:

- Girls. Ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14
- Boys. Ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

If you would like to help out, students and members of the community can please bring your items directly to G Block for sorting and preparation.

Taylor Arbery-Pamenter
Year 8 MAD Student

Japanese Visit



This week we have had the privilege of having Japanese visitors to the school from Shibukawa city high school. Shibukawa is located in the northern Kantō region of Japan. They are here to learn English and form new friendships with Marsden students! During their time at Marsden they have experienced a range of Australian classes such as English, Dance, Sport, and Cooking, seeing a koala at Daisy Hill Koala centre and even meeting the deputy Mayor at Logan City Council. Marsden students are very accepting of different cultures and students have even learnt some Japanese and origami!



Chinatown

On Aug 4th, 54 Year 7 to 12 Chinese students visited the Chung Tian Buddhist Temple and Chinatown. In the Chung Tian Temple, the students learned about the origin of Buddhism

while appreciating the traditional Chinese palace architecture. We visited the Bodhisattva Hall, worshipping the Thousand Hands and Thousand Eyes Kuan Yin, the Bodhisattva of Compassion who has immense capacity to see and help all beings in need. The students also tried Chinese brush writing in the Sutra Transcript Room where an abundance of ancient Chinese calligraphy of different styles can be appreciated. We then purified our minds in the Lotus Treasury World, which contains lotus flowers with Buddha statues. We also sat in the Temple Pagoda, the beautiful and peaceful seven level building where people can have memorial to loved ones. Before leaving the temple, students had the opportunity to ring the Blessing Bell and make good wishes for their families' health and prosperity.

After an enlightening morning at the temple, we headed for the next exciting part of our tour – the lunch. We were very lucky to enjoy a Chinese/Japanese Buffet lunch at West End. In the very busy restaurant, we tasted a wide range of delicious Asian foods: a variety of sushi, the fried noodles, braised chicken wings, fish bites, honey chicken, rice cakes and miso soup. We were even served desserts and fruit! The students loved trying the food with their friends.

Our fun excursion wouldn't be complete without visiting the Chinatown in the Valley, which offers an array of exciting Chinese shops. We walked down the mall fascinated at the beautifully carved pavilions and buildings which reflect the architectural styles of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Students not only experienced the exotic atmosphere but purchased full-load attractive souvenirs as well.

As one student said, "It was a great trip. The temple was very interesting. At the restaurant the food was so yummy and it was fun trying to eat with chopsticks. We all had fun walking around Chinatown saying nihao to Chinese people."

Because human language is a direct manifestation of culture, we may well say that learning a second language involves the recognition and understanding of the characteristics of the nation. The trip is more a cultural exchange than an excursion, which has exerted a positive effect on their Chinese learning.

Chinese Department



Student Vs Teacher Dodgeball game

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS! Have you ever felt as though it's about time you got back at your teacher for the last time they set you loads of homework??

Well look no further! FRIDAY WEEK 8 (4 September) SECOND LUNCH! Students vs Teachers in an intense game of Dodgeball!!!

We are looking for players for a student team! More information will be coming to you guys about how to enter (and the cost) at your Year Level parades.

If you have any questions or want to sign up please see Darren – the good looking one of your school captains! Get excited!

Breakfast Volunteers Wanted!

As some of you may know, we have a group of dedicated volunteers who come in every Friday morning 7am – 10am to make breakfast for our students. At times it gets really busy, and we could use an extra pair of hands. If anyone is happy to help out, we'd love to have your help. We also have access to enough food to be able to serve breakfast more than just once a week. This would require a large number of volunteers (8-10 per day).

If you would like to volunteer your time or would like more information please contact our Chaplain Ian Pratt 3299 0555.

Year 12 Formal

Dear Parents and Year 12 students,

Preparations have begun for the event that every Year 12 Student looks forward to – the Year 12 Formal. This year's event will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane and promises to be a spectacular night to celebrate the culmination of all the years of study that our students have participated in.

This email is just a reminder that no student will be permitted to attend any end of year events, including the formal if there are any outstanding fees on the student's account. Statements will be forwarded this week and we encourage you to start making regular payments against any outstanding amounts. The formal is set for Tuesday November 17 and payment must be made before October 9.

If you have any enquiries or if you would like to arrange a regular payment plan, please contact the finance office on 3299 0508.

Work Experience



Chavez Hurley– second from left, middle row

Recently, our Year 10 student Chavez Hurley attended three days of Work Experience with the Army at Enoggra Barracks. Here is his story...

A few things about this.....

It was an amazing experience that I had loved, it was one of the best experiences I have ever done, and it helped decide on a pathway and what I want to do for the future. I would definitely do this again... I am glad I got to experience this program and was definitely worth taking 3 days off of school... Some of the activities we participated in were great fun. We were able to play around and look at some weapons and see what different Battalions in the army do, we got to play a game which the army uses to practice their tactics in, we also got to visit a museum and got to learn a lot about World War 1 and 2. We also went on a walk through the Royal Australian Regiment memorial site which was sad but at the same time interesting with some of the stories we were told, about the death of some of the men and women who died.

Next year, you might like to try out for this experience!

Mrs Close
Industry Liaison Officer

Speed Careering

About 50 of our Year 10 students were treated to session of 'Speed Careering' here at school.

The idea is based on 'Speed Dating' and goes like this...

The room is set up with groups of ten students and one worker.

The students ask the worker questions about their work journey, and the type of work they undertake now.

After approximately eight minutes, the workers change to the next group.

By the end of the session, the students have an understanding of a number of different occupations. They also realise that most people don't start and finish with the same job but experience lots of changes as they journey through life.

It was both interesting and informative!

The following people were good enough to help out with their stories:

Our own Police Officer – Brad

PLUS.....

Peter – Café Infusion at Marsden on Fifth (great coffee by the way!)

Tracy – School to Skilled, employer of school based trainees in Child Care

Matthew (manager), Nicole (HR) and Jack (trainer) – City Venue Pools

At present, these people employ 12 of our students on school based traineeships and are about to take on more!

If you are interested in doing a paid traineeship - Cert III in Sport and Recreation, then come and see me.

Helen Close
Industry Liaison Officer



Cartel Coffee

Year 11 Hospitality are beginning their Barista training journey this Semester, selling coffee and other beverages to students and Staff from the Café in C Block every first break. We've had some positive feedback so far, no doubt due to the talented 'staff', and the exciting new blend of beans we're using.

Since 2009 Cartel Coffee has supplied their own great tasting unique weekly roasted blend of 100% organic Fair Trade and RFA arabica coffee blend to Brisbane's public from 2 outlets situated in the CBD.

102 Adelaide St (next to OfficeWorks & King George Square) & 60 Mary St (Between Albert & George Sts)

"From modest beginnings our popularity has grown to make us one of the go to places for coffee in Brisbane City.

We believe our strengths lay both in our quality product and customer service; not to mention affordable pricing!

Given our new engagement with Marsden State High School, for the month of August, we'd love to offer parents and students alike a 50c discount on our coffees and other prepared drinks. Simply identify yourself as a parent or student of Marsden State High School to redeem".



Senior Schooling Update

Academic Coaching

We are pleased to announce that, this term, Marsden State High School will begin a program of Academic Coaching for Year 11 students. From term three onwards, all Year 11 students will attend a coaching session once per term in order to participate in discussions regarding their progress towards a QCE. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for students!

Academic Coaching at Marsden State High School aims to:

- Ensure students are on the right academic pathway
- Improve opportunities for students to openly discuss their academic performance
- Build student confidence and a positive attitude towards improved learning outcomes
- Provide students with informative data to assist them in achieving their academic or learning goals
- Motivate and engage students in a process which maximises their potential so that they can achieve the best possible academic outcomes
- Ensure that every student attains a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Ensure that students transition into a successful and relevant pathway after school

How does it work?

Students will be assigned an Academic Coach to monitor and support their academic progress throughout their senior schooling. The Academic Coaching team will consist of dedicated Marsden State High School teaching staff including members of the Leadership Team. Each coach will work one-on-one with each student providing individualised feedback sessions that will build on each student's personal strengths and areas for improvement, whilst at the same time providing a realistic picture of how each student is tracking at that point in time.

Academic coaching sessions for this term will take place in the Library on the following dates:

Thursday 13th of August

Students have been provided with an appointment slip which they will need to show their classroom teacher in order to attend their Academic Coaching session.

Year 12 Students NOT on track to gain their QCE:

Our goal within Senior Schooling at Marsden SHS is to ensure every student maximises their future potential by exiting with a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA). If students are not on track to attain their QCE or their attendance is not in the

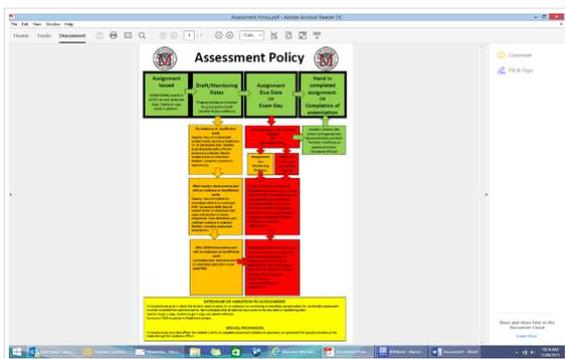
green zone (above 85%) they will not be invited to attend the 2015 formal. All Year 12 students are aware of this and have been reminded of this at regular intervals. If you have any queries about QCE attainment or attendance tracking, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Megan Herbert – Senior Schooling Deputy Principal, Ms Kylie Steinhardt – Year 12 Senior Schooling Head of Department or Mr Sean Curtis – Year 11 Senior Schooling Head of Department.

Amended Assessment Policy

Over the last semester, a review of the Marsden State High School Assessment Policy has taken place. Please find below a summary of the new policy. The aim of the new policy is to clarify the assessment non-submission process and revive the importance of student accountability when it comes to assessment. This is the policy students will need to adhere to for all future assessment items. The policy will be rolled out to students at assemblies in the coming weeks.

Full policy information and Assessment Policy FAQs can be found on the Marsden State High School website at the following link:

<https://marsdenshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx>



Hearing Awareness week 23-29 August

The major preventable cause of hearing loss is noise injury. 37% of hearing loss is due to noise injury, which could have been prevented. Hearing loss is mainly on the increase due to leisure activities such as personal music players and social and recreational noise.

More than a billion young people are at risk of losing their hearing because of listening to loud music, a new World Health Organization (WHO) report warns. The WHO study found that among people aged 12 to 35, nearly half were at risk of hearing damage because of loud music, be it at live venues or on personal devices.

How loud is too loud?

The risk of damage to your hearing is based on two factors: how loud and for how long. Experts agree that continued exposure to noise at or above 85dB over time can cause hearing loss.



The damage to hearing occurs when noise levels are higher than 85 decibels, which is about the loudness of heavy traffic. The risk of hearing loss increases as the noise becomes louder. Length of exposure is important too. For example, it is not recommended to listen to noises of 109 decibels for any longer than two minutes at a time. When headphones are turned to full volume, the sound can reach 104 decibels.

- If you have your headphones on and you can't carry on a conversation with someone who is a meter-and-a-half away in a normal voice, then the music is too loud.
- If the person standing near you can hear it, the noise is too loud.
- When you take the headphones out of your ears and you hear ringing or your hearing is dull, then the noise is too loud.
- Take regular breaks to give the ears a rest.
- Limit use to one hour a day
- For musicians, who are particularly at risk, special plugs are available
- If you cannot avoid loud sound, then you should protect your ears with earplugs or ear muffs. Balls of cotton wool or paper tissue offer little protection

ONCE YOUR HEARING IS DAMAGED, IT CAN NOT BE RESTORED



Jeans for Genes is the iconic fundraising campaign of Children's Medical Research Institute. This year it will be Friday 7th August.

Each year, Australians unite by wearing their favorite jeans and outdoing each other with crazy denim outfits, and donating money or purchasing merchandise, to support genetic research. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

Friday the 28th is Daffodil Day. Every day, around 350 Australians are diagnosed with cancer. But every day there is more reason for hope than ever before. Cancer research is discovering new and better treatments, cancer prevention campaigns are working and support for those affected by cancer is improving all the time. Every item sold and every donation can help take us another step closer to the defeat of cancer...Keep an eye out for volunteers to buy merchandise or make a donation.



DATE BALLS

- 2 cups bran flakes cereal
- 3/4 cup whole pitted dates
- 1/2 cup pecans, toasted
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons cream cheese, softened



2 teaspoons orange juice
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts or coconut

Place cereal, dates and pecans in a food processor and process until finely chopped. Add honey, cream cheese and orange juice and pulse until a stiff dough forms.

Scoop tablespoon-size portions and shape with greased/wet hands into balls. Roll each ball in chopped nuts (or coconut). Place on wax paper. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving or storing.

Sarah Mitchell
SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Early Departures & Absences – Please notify us

Just a reminder to parents that apart from a family emergency, 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. The ladies in Student Foyer will then call you to confirm that they have received your notice. If your child will be away from school, please phone the attendance line on 3299 0555 then press '1' to report your student absent or you can email to parents@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au before 8am.

Uniform Shop Jacket Update

We are still waiting on jackets ... hopefully here in the next 10 days. I will make one attempt to contact everyone who has placed an order and then a notice will go on the electronic noticeboard that the jackets have arrived. In reviewing the order placed with our supplier and the number of students who have placed orders with me, it will become a first in first served (unless you have already paid) and some sizes may run out again. I apologize for all the inconvenience. Be assured we are in the process of sourcing a new supplier and hopefully will not have the same issues as we had this year.

I have had many parents complain of uniform items being stolen from bags. We have discussed this on numerous occasions at the monthly P&C Association meetings and the only affordable suggestions we have for you are:

1. Ensure you name your child's clothes
2. Consider buying a small bag-lock and lock the two zips together so that no one but your child can get into their bag.
3. Talk to your child about making sure they take the time to put the items in their bag (not on it or beside it).

Thank you for your patience.

Pauline Pokoina
Uniform Shop Convenor

Dates to Remember

Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th August	Junior Secondary Camp
Monday 31st August	Arts Showcase Rehearsals
Friday 4th September	Student V Teacher Dodgeball Game
18th September – 24th October	Art Waves 2015
Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October	ELP Camp
Tuesday 17th November	Year 12 Formal