Thank you to the students, staff and wider community for another excellent term at Marsden State High School. Term 3 seems to go very quickly with the range of activities and opportunities available to students. We will be providing Term 3 reports to families early in Term 4, with families encouraged to ensure the school has an up to date email address on file for the electronic delivery process.

On Tuesday last week we had an incident where two youths entered the school grounds without permission which led to a lockdown for staff and students. This process occurred during our lunch break and provided a strong test of the processes we have in place to ensure the safety of our students at school. The concern for student safety was very quickly resolved thanks to the work of our staff, and the police are following up with the people involved. This does provide another reminder however of the importance of practicing our emergency processes and enforcing our uniform policy, and I would assure all parents that we have strong processes in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable school environment for staff and students.

Good luck to our MCT Dance Crew who will be competing in the Dancelife National Championships on the middle weekend of the school holidays in Sydney. The students, staff and families have been working overtime during the term preparing for the trip, with a range of fundraising and performance opportunities. A special mention must go to the support we have received from Marsden State School through the use of their Hall on Friday night for our final fundraiser, along with the opportunity to participate at the recent Keith Henderson Multicultural Night. We’ve also been fortunate to have the support of a range of community members through donations and assistance over the term. I’ve no doubt the students will have a wonderful experience in Sydney, and although I may be biased, are well placed to take out the competition.

Our Year 10 students, families and staff have done an amazing job in working through our Senior Education and Training (SET) Plans this term. This is the best response we have had in recent years and positions our Year 10 cohort well for their move into Year 11 next year.

This term has also seen our senior schooling processes support our Year 11 and 12 students through the Academic Coaching programme. This has been another significant commitment from staff in supporting our students to maximise their academic outcomes. The most pleasing aspect however has been the enthusiasm and engagement from students as they work to complete courses and strive for the best possible marks across their subjects. Our Year 12 OP Students also undertook the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test this term, and a special mention must go to Mrs Hartman and her team for the work in preparing and coordinating the days to ensure our students were well informed and supported.

It has been widely reported that the Queensland Government will introduce new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems, which will commence for students entering Year 11 in 2018.

The new systems include a new senior assessment model that combines school-based assessment developed and marked by teachers with external assessment developed and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, new processes to strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment and a move from the existing Overall Position (OP) tertiary entrance rank to an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), in line with other Australian states and territories. Our Year 8 students will be the first to experience this new system.

We’ve had a number of former students in the news over the last few weeks thanks to their sporting achievements with Hulita Haukinima recently named in the Queensland Firebirds squad for the upcoming season, Brenko Lee starring for the Canberra Raiders in their final two games of the season and Isreal Folau heading over to England to compete in the Rugby World Cup. Our next generation of sports stars have also been performing well at school with a strong representation in the Metro Finals from our Year 10 Rugby League team and our Year 7 Boys and Year 7/8 Girls Football teams. It has also been pleasing to see the work of our Open Rugby League Sports Excellence students with Miss Mulcahy as they work to develop a mental health in sports program for our students aligned to the NRL State of Play program.

Over the school holiday period I will be travelling to China with Education Queensland International (EQI) and the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) to look at schools in China. This is part of our efforts to increase the engagement in languages
at Marsden State High School, and I have been attempting to attend as many Year 8 Chinese lessons as possible in preparation. Whilst the students have learnt much more quickly than I have, it has been pleasing to see the engagement and enthusiasm evident in the Chinese class throughout the term. Mrs Ding does an outstanding job working with our students to make Chinese accessible to our students, and I would encourage students to make the most of this opportunity to learn an additional language, which will open up a number of opportunities in the future. Enjoy the holiday break and I look forward to another busy term in Term 4.

Andrew Peach  
Executive Principal

Qparents is here

Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it’s great to see that so many parents have registered already.

If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately.

Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

Beach Sports Day

On Friday, 28th August year 11 Sport Science students attended a “Beach Sports Day” at Sandstorm, Mt Gravatt. The students undertook part of their term 3 assessment “Event Management” on the day by successfully running a range of competitions across beach volleyball, beach dodgeball, beach soccer and beach touch football.

A big thanks to Mr Camps and Mr Brewer-Charles for organising the day and taking some students on their first ever excursion!

Connect Camp

During week eight our Year 9 Connect group travelled 42km along the Brisbane River in canoes. This was the third camp that the boys have attended this year, each with increasing difficulty. The boys grew in confidence in their paddling and continued to show their outdoor skills, sleeping in tents, building their own fire, cooking for themselves and enjoying the great outdoors. The boys are also learning first aid during the program. The journey included many challenges, a few capsizes and plenty of laughs. Thanks to volunteer Year 12 student Tremayne Horn, teacher Laura Baker and youth support coordinator Tristan Hill for supporting the boys through this experience. At the end of the year, boys who have completed all four camps will receive a Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation.

Ian Pratt  
School Chaplain

Final Firebird one of our own

The Mission Queensland Firebirds have signed home-grown talent, Hulita Haukinima, to fill the final position in their twelve-member team for the 2016 season.

The upcoming ANZ Championship season will be her debut in both the Trans-Tasman Netball League and for the Firebirds, something she’s really looking forward to.

“I’m so excited to be with the Firebirds. This really feels like a dream come true,” Haukinima said.

A familiar face in both Queensland and national representative teams, the Logan local has already made a mark on the elite netball scene.

Haukinima was part of the 2015 Queensland 21 & Under State team, as well as the Queensland Fusion who placed fourth in the 2015 Australian Netball League.

She has also been bookmarked for future success with her involvement in the Netball Australia Centre of Excellence residential program.

Haukinima is currently in Canberra completing another intensive training block as part of the program, alongside fellow Firebirds Mahalia Cassidy and Chelsea Lemke, which follows an impressive stint earlier this year, including pre-Netball World Cup warm-up matches against Scotland and Wales.

“Finally all of the training, travelling and sacrifices have been worth it,” Haukinima said.

Firebirds coach Roselee Jencke is looking forward to the fresh talent the rookie will bring to the team.

“Hulita has been on the Firebirds radar for a while with excellent performances throughout 2015 in the various Queensland pathways, and it’s time to elevate her to the ANZ Championship level for the Firebirds in 2016,” Jencke said.

“Hulita is an exciting athletic talent and I am looking forward to her improving and lifting her game to the next level.”
Haukinima’s inclusion will see her continue recent success as a mid-court player after spending most of her development years in the Goal Defence bib.

“Through the Netball Queensland pathways Hulita has played as a defender, but in 2016 will cover the Wing Defence and Centre positions for the Firebirds,” confirmed Head Coach Jencke.

The transition from a defence to mid-court player has been a challenging one, but Haukinima is excited to continue to play in her new positions with the Firebirds.

“The mid-court positions have such a different style of play, but I’m starting to really enjoy attacking and playing Centre; now it’s just about getting my fitness up,” Haukinima said.

Haukinima is the seventh Queenslander to be included in the 2016 Firebirds roster, joining mid-courter Cassidy, shooters Beryl Friday and Gretel Tippett and defenders Laura Clemesha, Clare McMeniman and Captain Laura Geitz.

With the starting seven players from the 2015 Champion side returning for another season, and a young and exciting bench, the Firebirds turn their thoughts to making history in 2016 by being the first team to win back-to-back grand finals.

2016 Mission Queensland Firebirds – Full Team List:
1. Romelda Aiken
2. Mahalia Cassidy
3. Laura Clemesha
4. Beryl Friday
5. Laura Geitz
6. Hulita Haukinima
7. Chelsea Lemke
8. Clare McMeniman
9. Caitlyn Nevins
10. Kimberley Ravaillion
11. Gabi Simpson
12. Gretel Tippett

Sports Excellence

Program Attendance Rewards

This term sees a competition between Sports Excellence Programs, focusing on attendance. The program with the highest percentage attendance will win a free BBQ for all students who are above 92% attendance for the term. The winner will be announced Tuesday morning of week 10.

Celebrate Success Rewards

Also happening this term is the continuation of the Celebrate Success Rewards Program for Sports Excellence Students. All students who have an attendance rate of 92% or better, less than 5 late arrivals for the term, and displayed positive behavior will be rewarded with a free BBQ in week 10. Announcement of successful students will be provided in class time as well as posted on the Sports Centre notice board on Tuesday morning.

Ned Hartz Wins Riverlakes Pro Am Golf Tournament

Ned Hartz from the Year 12 Football Program recently represented at the Riverlakes Pro Am Golf Tournament. He was nominated to represent the school as part of the Bendigo Bank Marsden Team. Ned had the opportunity to partner up with not only representatives from Bendigo Bank, but also a professional golfer. Ned played outstanding on the day, ending up winning the entire tournament. Feedback from Matthew Harris, Branch Manager from Bendigo Bank Marsden, is below.

“Firstly thank you to yourself and the school for allowing Ned to participate yesterday. From talking with Ned at the end of play he had a really enjoyable day and was happy with how he played.

After Ned left I received glowing praise from his playing partners on the day. The other bank guests along with the Pro that he teamed up with provided some really positive feedback around how Ned conducted himself and the Pro player actually commented on how Ned shows a lot of promise and has a great temperament and solid game for a person of his age.

I just thought yourself and the school would like to hear this feedback as it is a credit to Ned himself and he represented the school extremely well on the day.

Please pass on my thanks to the school and Ned for being part of the day.”

Mr. Camps
Director of Sports Excellence

AWARD WINNERS FOR SENIOR INTERSCHOOL SPORT 2015

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MET Finals Football

The Year 7 Boys and Year 7/8 Girls Teams won their Round 2 MET Finals game last week 3-2 and 1-0 respectively. Well done to coaches, Mr Leong and Mr Hammond. Special mention to Caleb Oliver, for celebrating his extra-time winner by taking his shirt off and twirling it around his head.

The victories meant both teams progressed to the Semi-Final stage of the competition. Unfortunately both teams lost their Semi-Finals games after leading at half-time. The Junior Girls were especially unfortunate, losing 3-2 in extra time after wasting several golden opportunities. Both teams ultimately missed the Grand-Final by one half of football and can be very proud of their achievements.

Student Vs Teacher Dodgeball

Well done to all Staff and Students that came down to participate and support the dodgeball game on Friday the 6th of September. A special thank you to Deb for manning the door and Warren for refereeing.

The captains raised $400 from the game which is an outstanding result. The teachers won 2-0, with man of the match going to Megan Herbert.

Dance Update!

The countdown is on with less than 3 weeks until the Senior MCT Dance Crew is on stage at the DanceLife Unite Nationals in SYDNEY! The students and staff have been working extremely hard on a variety of fundraising events and have already managed to subsidise the cost of the trip by 75%! If you would still like to be involved our final 2 events are coming up on Friday 18th September!

We are running another carwash at Marsden State School and also a full MCT Production Night that will include performances

Year 6 Sports Excellence Trial Day

On Thursday the 10th of September, the Sports Excellence Program held its trial for year 6 students wishing to enrol at Marsden State High School for 2016. It was a big day leading up the trial, with numerous primary school visits to promote the day, leading to over 150 students turning up to trial. Year 6 students were able to trial for Rugby League, Football, Basketball and Girls Touch Football, with selections for a position in the program been completed by the end of the day.

Not only were Program Coordinators and Teachers involved in the planning, organising and running of the day, a number of
from lots of local dance crews (including AOB), live music and more. Grab your friends and come along for a night of great entertainment!

MCT Production Night + CAR WASH!!!
DANCE, LIVE MUSIC and MORE...

PERFORMANCES BY
ACADEMY OF BROTHERS YBZ PHOENIX VARIETY AURACITY VARIETY
SISTERS UNKNOWN 2013 MCT LEADERS
PITCHARDS JNEARN MCT CREWS

CAR WASH $10 per Car
5pm - 7pm
Marden State School Car Park

Friday 18th September
Time: 6.30pm Show Starts
Location: Marsden SS

We would also like to say a massive thank you to those individual and companies who have already made a donation to the trip including Mad Dance House! Another special mention needs to go to our local government members Pam Parker, Phil Pigeon, Cameron Dick and Jim Chalmers. It has been great to have support from such a wide range of people!

Keith Henderson Multicultural Night
Thursday 3rd September saw our Junior and Senior MCT Dance Crews as well as our Indigenous Dance Troupe performing at Marsden State School’s Keith Henderson Multicultural Festival. Our Indigenous students did a fantastic job opening our section with their inspiring performance ‘One Mob on Sacred Ground’. This piece was developed with Bangarra Dance Theatre during the Creative Generations performance and the girls performed with pride. Our hip hop crews then performed with great energy and entertained the audience.

RAPCity
Saturday 5th September saw our Senior MCT Dance Crew performing again at the RAPCity Competition as part of the Brisbane Festival. The students were up against a range of crews including open crews from some of Brisbane’s top dance studios! Unfortunately they didn’t place at this event but it was still a great experience for them to be up on stage in front of a new audience and in a new environment. As always, these students performed with a fantastic energy and worked extremely hard.

Breakfast
The Dietitians Association of Australia encourages all Australians to start the day with a healthy breakfast. Eating breakfast contributes in many ways to good health and nutrition.

Some facts about the importance of breakfast:

- Breakfast eaters are more likely to be of normal weight compared to non-breakfast eaters. This is important in preventing child obesity.
- Breakfast improves alertness, concentration, mental performance and memory.
- Breakfast helps get you going in the morning it provides energy and important nutrients.
- Research has shown as many as one in four children go to school hungry. Those who skip breakfast are more likely to snack on less nutritious meals during the day, resulting in higher intake of fat, which contributes to weight gain.
- Breakfast can help to increase a person’s mood. That’s why people get tired and irritable when they miss breakfast.
- Breakfast eaters have higher intakes of essential nutrients such as carbohydrate, dietary fibre and certain vitamins and minerals. It has been shown that if breakfast is missed, the nutrients normally provided by breakfast are not replaced during the rest of the day.
- Breakfast literally means ‘break the fast’. So given it could be around eight hours since your body last had any food, eating breakfast is an important meal of the day for people of all ages.
- Healthy eating is the key to healthy living. Starting the day with breakfast is a simple way to help make a difference to overall well-being, and your ability to function well over the day.
- A healthy breakfast is one which provides a variety of foods, is low in saturated fat, high in carbohydrates, contains fibre and provides vitamins and minerals.

Smart Eating ideas for breakfast

- A bowl of wholegrain cereal with low fat milk and sliced fresh fruit.
- A delicious smoothie made from low fat milk, fresh fruit, yoghurt and honey.
One of the common reasons that people don’t eat breakfast is that they don’t have enough time before heading out to school or work. Healthy eating does take a bit of forward planning, so here are some tips that might make it easier for you to fit breakfast into your day:

- Keep a supply of healthy wholegrain cereals in the house, these are quick and easy and very nutritious.
- If you have trouble getting to the shops regularly, try one of the online shopping services that are available in some areas.
- Prepare breakfast the night before by setting the table, getting out bowls and cereals etc. This works well for children. You could also prepare Bircher Muesli the night before.
- Take some snack size cereals to work. Many of these cereals can be eaten in the box with milk added!
- Several companies are making quick and easy breakfast drinks with added vitamins, minerals and fibre. These could be an occasional alternative when you are on the go.

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) and Kellogg have launched National Breakfast Week to raise awareness of the importance of breakfast. National Breakfast Week will encourage all Australians to start the day with a healthy breakfast.

http://www.daa.asn.au/

Sarah Mitchell
School Based Youth Health Nurse.

Kevin Kim just signed off on his Certificate III in Business which he completed at Marsden Trophies.

During this past year Kevin has gained valuable experience in not only business, but also designing and manufacturing the trophies. Well done Kev!

Fresh fruit and yoghurt with some wholegrain toast.
Bircher muesli with a variety of fruits and nuts added.
Pancakes topped with fruit and yoghurt
Poached or boiled eggs on wholegrain toast with a glass of fruit juice
An omelette made with added vegetables such as onion, mushrooms, spinach and tomato
Wholemeal muffins topped with asparagus, tomato and low fat melted cheese
Raisin toast spread with ricotta cheese, and a piece of fruit
Wholemeal or wholegrain toast with a variety of toppings such as avocado, baked beans, tomatoes, peanut butter (or other nut spread) and a piece of fruit

Linda Sommer (employer) myself, Kevin and grandad Mom Kim

Please support this business which is supporting our students. For your trophy needs, contact Linda on 32095699 - marsdentrophies1@bigpond.com.

Congratulations to the following students who have signed up to a SAT (School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship):

- Esther Igwabi – Cert III in Early Childhood, Education and Care
- Cheyenne Hall – Cert II in Retail Services
- Tisharn Fraser – Cert III in Business
- Lachlan Smith – Cert III in Cabinet Making
- Tanah Nasmyth – Cert III in Business Admin
- Anette Tui – Cert III in Business Admin
- David Keo - Cert III in Business Admin
- Sainofo Swerling - Cert III in Business Admin
- Marion Afamasaga - Cert III in Business Admin
- Stephanie Vaai - Cert III in Business Admin
- Tainesha Morrison-White – Cert III in Hairdressing

Stephanie, David, myself, Clodelia Zarate (Compliance Officer from SFAE), Sainofo, Anette and Marion at their sign on.

This group of students will all be working at Safety First Aid Education, a local Registered Training Organisation delivering First Aid Certificates. If you or your work place requires First Aid certificates, then contact:

E: delia@sfae.edu.au T: 1300 769 559 M: 0417 353 018 W: sfae.edu.au
76-78 York Street, Beenleigh, Queensland, 4207

ALL TRADES QUEENSLAND – TRY A TRADE DAY

A number of students attended the ‘Try a Trade Day’ at the Shailer Park headquarters of ATQ.

Students were able to put their hands to plumbing, electrical, carpentry, cabinet making, painting and more.

If you would like to try out different trades then go to Migas ‘Hands on Trade Show’
Where: TAFE QLD Skillstech Bradman Ave, Acacia Ridge
Engineering Block ‘P’

When: Wednesday 16th September
6:30 – 8:30pm

They will have a sausage sizzle and drinks so confirm your attendance by registering http://bit.ly/HandsOnTrade

Cleaning Experience?

Would you like to work at our school as a relief cleaner?

Get the First2Click app.

www.first2click.com.au

If you have cleaning experience and a current blue card we may be able to offer you some casual work at our school. If you download the app you can also point to other schools in the area to become part of their relief staff too. So what are you waiting for? Get ‘clicking’!

Do we have your email details?

A reminder that almost all correspondence from the school is now being emailed, INCLUDING Student Reports, so if you’ve had a change of email address, please contact the school and let us know. Term 3 Report Cards will be emailed out early in Term 4.

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

The jackets still have not arrived. They are supposed to arrive sometime this week but I am not holding my breath. When they do arrive I will follow the procedure as outlined in the previous newsletter ... even if it means opening during the school holidays.

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

More amazing TOP PERFORMING STUDENTS were presented with their certificates. Many of these students are well on their way to securing the career of their dreams. Some are already working at their apprenticeships one day a week and at the end of Year 12, will walk out of this school into a full time apprenticeship.

Congratulations guys!!

Helen Close
Industry Liaison Officer
Once again I apologise for all the inconvenience this has caused.

Pauline Pokoina
Uniform Shop Convenor

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