Thank you to everyone in our school community for your efforts over 2015. The tragic events of this term will always be in the forefront of our minds, and the memorial ceremony for Tiah, coupled with the purple free dress day, provided an appropriate celebration of her time with us.

It has been another successful and enjoyable year at Marsden State High School and the highlights of the year should also be celebrated. These have included the outstanding performance of our students in academic pursuits with opportunities with numerous University’s in the South East and further afield, the great results for our Vocational Education programs, with particular mention to the strong partnerships being developed in our trade areas, the emergence of our MCT Dance Crew as National Champions, the performance of our Basketballers to win a State Championships and the individual achievements of many of our high performing athletes across the year. It has also been pleasing to see the #MTC program getting some media recognition in recent weeks.

As is always the case the efforts of our students have been a highlight, but I would also like to congratulate our staff for the amazing contribution they have made to the school this year. It is pleasing to be able to see our values of persistence, passion and pride being so readily visible in our staff group, and for our students to be provided with outstanding role models as they look to continue their learning journey.

2016 will bring further opportunities for our school and our students, and I look forward to the ongoing support of our community as we continue to strive to Dare to Inspire…Make a Difference.

Enjoy the holidays and a reminder that the first day for students in 2016 is Wednesday January 27th.

Andrew Peach
Executive Principal

Term 4 caps off another successful year for ARTIE (Achieving results through Indigenous Education) here at Marsden State High School. Term 4 has seen some exciting new developments for the ARTIE Academy with a number of new and exciting changes, as well as the continuation of our regular University of Queensland tutoring and the annual ARTIE Beetson Fun Day.

Term 4 has seen the ARTIE Academy establish a new partnership with the Brisbane Broncos. In an effort to continue their commitment and long standing legacy to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Brisbane Broncos has extended its program to include Marsden State High School. Marsden State High School now has the pleasure of welcoming Jharal Yow Yeh from the Brisbane Broncos as a permanent feature at the school. Jharal will be at Marsden once a week as he mentors the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Year 10, 11 and 12 at the school. This new partnership will allow both organisations to further develop its commitment to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Early in the term, ARTIE hosted its Term 4 Yarn out. A Yarn out is an event were we invite the Deadly@Marsden students to come together to have a yarn and also experience and learn about culture. Also, at this event, students’ attendance goals were again reiterated - students for Semester 2 would be rewarded for achieving 90% physical attendance at school. Those students who could achieve this goal were rewarded with an ARTIE towel and a pair of ARTIE sunglasses.

In other news, last Friday the ARTIE-Broncos team hosted the annual ARTIE Beetson Fun Day at White Water World. Students had to achieve 90% Physical Attendance over the term and were rewarded with an invite to the ARTIE Beetson Fun Day and also an ARTIE Bucket Hat. Congratulations to the 75 students from Marsden State High School who achieved their Term 3 ARTIE Academy Challenge goal.

Finally, I’d like to congratulate the Year 12 students and wish them luck for the future. It is important to acknowledge that you are the positive examples of what Arthur Beetson wanted to see for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Also, the ARTIE Academy would again like to extend its thanks to...
the staff at Marsden State High School for its ongoing support to help to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Looking ahead to 2016, our new partnership with the Brisbane Broncos presents some great opportunities for the ARTIE Academy that will only continue to help us strive to improve attendance and encourage positive school engagement for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Marsden State High School.

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Hamish McLoughlin  
ARTIE Schools Coordinator

JOB WORLD!

Over the past month, the following students have signed on to school based apprenticeships and traineeships:

Mitchell Von Nida - Cert III in Engineering-Electrical
Dakota Brown - Cert III in Hospitality
Crystal Fittock - Cert III in Hairdressing
Maia Tapsell - Cert III in Business Administration
Paris Kamilowicz - Cert III in Business Administration
Chloe Askin - Cert III in Business Administration
Greg Haeusler - Cert III in Information Digital Media & Technology
Chavez Hurley - Cert III in Information Digital Media & Technology
Sarona Talalelei - Cert III in Aged Care
Faithful Maara - Cert III in Aged Care
Corey-James Goodwin - Cert III in Carpentry
Jessica Hazelton - Cert III in Hospitality

Congratulations to all the new sign-ups and a special “Well Done!” to Chrystal Fittock, as she was one of ten apprentices chosen by Stefans Hairdressing. Take note, they had over 2,000 applicants with only 10 positions on offer!!

These students have work in great places like LJ Hooker, Clive Burdeau Aged Care, Coffee News etc.

The wonderful news is, that now industry is saying over and over “they’ll be good, they’re from Marsden!” Our past trainees have had really great work ethics, and that is having a very positive effect for all future applicants. Over Australia, there is about a 50% drop out rate for traineeships/apprenticeships. Recently I looked at our figures and found we had about a 5% dropout. DET have said we have the largest number of SAT’s too. Marsden students – way ahead of the rest!!!!

2016 is already shaping up well. I am very excited as we will have another ILO here, to help even more students.

Work Experience: If you get the chance to do some work over the holidays, then take it! Nothing looks better on a resume than the actual work you have done. Find an organisation like the SES to volunteer with – do something!

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas,

Helen Close  
Industry Liaison Officer

National Athletics Carnival

At the recent National Athletics Carnival, the Su’emai siblings did their school, their state and their family proud. Taylah came fourth in the u16 boys discus with 58.35m. LyVante came fourth in discus, second in hammer throw and won the gold in shot put with a throw of 14.31m.

EALD UPDATE, TERM 4, 2015

The EALD (English as an Additional Language / Dialect) Class visited the Daisy Hill Koala Centre for their Term 4 Excursion as part of their Science Unit. We participated in a fantastic presentation by the Centre Ranger where we learnt about koalas and their habitats. Students enjoyed exploring the centre and the park and were fortunate to even spot a koala whilst bushwalking.

Well done students on a great year of study. Thank you to our wonderful Teacher Aides, Ms Eula Arthur and Ms Desiree Arthur for all your hard work and support.

Lisa Mahoney Beltran, EALD Teacher
**UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE**

**Jackets**

Thank you for your support and understanding as we have faced some uniform challenges this year with our jackets. We now have a new supplier and production for next year is in process and should be ready towards the end of March. At the moment we have 2 sizes that I am completely out of stock but you can order in advance to ensure you get one when they arrive if you wish.

Opening times in January have changed from those previously advertised and are now:

- 8-4 M/T/W/F
- 8-6 Th
- 8-1 Sat

The weeks this applies to are still as advertised from Jan 4th to Jan 30th with Tues 26th closed. Reminder that school starts on Wed 27th January.

The past 4 years over this time have proven to me that if you want to avoid the hectic, hot, rush the week before school starts then the best time to make your uniform purchase is during that first week that I am open. Each week gets progressively busier.

**Shop renovations**

We have a new door which is a pull/push door ... not a sliding door any longer. When entering the shop please pull towards you and when exiting please push outward.

We have also increased the number of change rooms so there is less standing space available. With this in mind, can I ask that you please make arrangements for someone to look after your other children who don’t attend Marsden when coming to buy your uniform as our shop is very small and it can get crazy having so many extra bodies in such a small space. Or be prepared to leave them outside with an older child while you come in to make your purchases. This will help to keep the flow moving faster.

Please note that there will not be toileting facilities available so please ensure your children go before you arrive.

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Thanks for your support of your P&C Association as this allows us to support your students in their many schooling programmes.

Merry Christmas and Happy holidays to you all

**Pauline Pokoina**

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

**Summer survival kit - Fact Sheet**

In this summer survival kit you’ll find everything you need to know, from tips for getting through the holidays to suggestions for curing boredom. Most importantly, be kind to yourself and remember there’s always someone to talk to if you need help. This might help if:

- You’re bored over the summer
- You’re worried about dealing with Christmas stress
- You’re heading to a summer festival

**Getting through the holidays**

The holiday season can be tough for a lot of reasons and can bring up some issues that are challenging to manage. So how are you supposed to get through it? You might want to check out the following fact sheets at www.reachout.com: Managing grief at Christmas; The family and Christmas; Managing relationships at Christmas.

I know Christmas at my house is often a bit stressful (everyone is frantically cooking, trying to get presents done, sending cards, putting up decorations!) - Ways for managing this stress can include:

- Write a list of things you need to get done (be as specific as possible).
- Prioritise (choose the most important things to do first).
- Say 'no' if someone asks too much of you or you feel overwhelmed.
- Sometimes 'agree to disagree'.
- Start getting involved early - this means you have more of a chance to say what you want and would like to do for Christmas.
- Know what annoys you - I know sometimes when I’m with my family I think they’re purposely trying to push my buttons but if I’m able to recognise what it is that annoys me about them I can respond differently.
- If you’re feeling overwhelmed, tell someone.
- Discuss what Christmas might mean (or not mean in) in your family and work around this.
- Offer to help in a way that you might be able to manage.
If you're going through a tough time or need a distraction you could:

- Ring a friend/relative for a chat.
- Check out the fact sheets and stories on ReachOut.com.
- Write down some short, medium and long term goals. Check out the ‘How to set goals’ fact sheet for tips.
- Go for a walk/exercise in moderation (maybe in a team).
- Go for a swim or surf.
- Read a book.
- Write some of your thoughts down.
- Listen to music.
- Write some poetry.
- Have a cold or hot shower.

What to do if you're bored? Some suggestions:

- Take your camera out on a day adventure and see what photos you end up with or take a photo and share it on the forums.
- Check out your local art gallery (sometimes they have some interesting stuff in the summer).
- Go to a different cinema from the one you usually go to or see/rent a movie that you wouldn’t normally see.
- Organise a games night for you and your friends and ask everyone to bring their favourite game and a plate of food.
- Start reading a new book that you’ve been wanting to read for ages.

What else can I do?

- Set some short term (so in the next few weeks), medium term (in 3-6 months) and long term goals (in a year) - there are some fact sheets on setting goals on ReachOut.com for tips.
- Create a ‘green box’ or positive box with things that make you feel good or help you through a tough time - check out this story about creating a ‘green box’ on Reach Out - anyone can have one of these!
- Organise daily activities - sometimes if you’re feeling crap or are on holidays it’s easy to lose motivation to do ‘life’ things - having some activities you can do for each day can help you to keep doing things.

Need help right now?

- Check out the Emergency help section ReachOut.com Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800).
- Lifeline (13 11 44) or Headspace 1800 650 890 + www.eheadspace.org.au.
- Call the Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 (free call from landline and from Optus and Virgin mobiles).
- Call Lifeline on 13 11 44 (cost of a local call from a landline or free from a mobile).
- If you are in immediate danger get to your nearest hospital now or call ‘000’.

Be kind to yourself

All too often we place expectations on ourselves that we would never place on others - so perhaps make a pact with yourself to give yourself a break this summer, especially since Christmas and New Year is a time when things can get tough. Reference: adapted from the ReachOut fact sheet - www.reachout.com.

I’m looking forward to 2016, and I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas break.

Sarah Mitchell
School Based Youth Health Nurse.

School Photos 2016

Our school photos will be taken on the 29th January for Years 10, 11 & 12 & 5th February 2016 for Years 7, 8 & 9.

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. Please note: Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code: [VVV 11D D9N]. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer. The order
code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife. Please be aware that-
1. All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.
2. The Online code above Web Portal may also be used to order previous years’ sports and other group photos at any time.
All Online Orders placed through the Web Portal will be returned to school for collection.

The 2016 school year commences on Wednesday 27th January.
Could parents please advise the school if their student will be starting AFTER this date.

Become a Child Care Worker

Ordering your 2016 Booklist

Ordering your 2016 Booklist is easy online @SchoolStuff and all orders placed before the 4th of January are guaranteed delivery prior to the commencement of school.

When can I find out my OP or OP ineligible rank?

OP students
Your OP will be posted to you by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) on 18 December 2015.
Beat the mail and find out your OP sooner by logging into your QCAA Learning Account from 9am on 19 December.

OP ineligible students
If you have applied through QTAC – log in to your QTAC application to view and print your OP ineligible rank from 29 December, 2015.

Important note: only your OP ineligible rank will display in your QTAC application. Ranks for other qualifications eg Certificate III, or AMEB etc, will not display, nor will bonus ranks.

Haven’t applied? - Call us on 1300 467 822 from 29 December 2015. We will give your OP ineligible rank over the phone.
For more information email go.enquiries@qtac.edu.au

KRANK - Logan’s School Holiday Program

Monday 11 January - Saturday 23 January 2016
KRANK is a school holiday program for Logan residents aged 12-17 years, and it’s jam packed with a huge variety of free and low cost activities and classes.
To view the program visit:

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.