

Term 3, 2016

From the Principal



Formal. The SGA is conducting a Quiz Night in the Hall on Friday 23 September 6:30pm – 9:30pm. Well done also to those involved in the Pedal Prix, as well as lunchtime activities including the soccer tournament and various activities in the library such as the Harry Potter quiz. Along with the signature Marden BBQ, these have all contributed to a busy and enjoyable term.

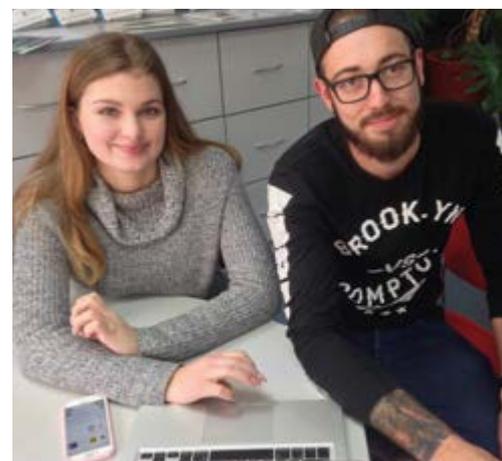
The Student Services area is humming now with enrolments for 2017 already underway and we are looking forward to another strong enrolment period. If the success of the recent Principal Information Session and Tours is any indication, classes will be filling fast. Prospective students are invited to call 8366 2800 to make an appointment to discuss study options.

Staff continue to review what works well and identify strategies for improvement as we strive to achieve our vision of Marden Senior College as 'the leading senior secondary college providing an innovative adult learning community for students and staff to achieve their full potential'.



We are proud of the quality of education, and the calm, inclusive and supportive environment of our College. Two changes are taking shape at present: a refurbishment of the ground floor of the two-storey building and a review of technology provided. Students will be consulted on these and other proposed changes over the next few weeks.

Stephen Inglis



What a great time of the year as we change from Winter to Spring - flowers blooming (including our Sturt Desert Peas), birds nesting, warmer sun and longer days. Spring also marks the end of Term 3 and an important and potentially tough time in senior secondary education where students reflect on achievements thus far, and set realistic plans for the remainder of the academic year. Term 3 reports are an excellent source of information to better understand progress and to determine strategies to finish each subject successfully. Reports are available in hard copy form from school or online via Daymap. Students are encouraged to talk with their teachers and mentors, and to make the most of the tutorial and library support available at Marden Senior College.

SACE Stage 2 students are preparing for holiday revision sessions, completing their final assignments and exams, and making applications for university places for next year. The end is in sight. Fellow students in Vocational Certificates continue to work toward the completion of necessary competencies, and students studying Stage 1 have just passed the halfway mark in the second semester. All students should enjoy the challenges and rewards on offer - it won't be long before they are joined by families and staff to celebrate success at our Annual Presentation Night at the Norwood Town Hall. This year's Presentation Night is on Tuesday 29 November at 7:30pm.

There has been plenty of activity and success in diverse areas. Congratulations go to the MSC Student Government Association (SGA) members, and supporting teachers, for their efforts in planning the successful College



Other staff and students have proudly represented Marden Senior College in the wider community; teachers sharing their expertise at various conferences. Senior students Nikitta Donald and Kultha Hier have been invited to attend a reception at Government House on 21 September. This is as an opportunity for the Governor to meet young South Australians and for students to visit Government House. Our College is also hosting the Minister's SA Public Education Advisory Committee, a group of influential education decision-makers that includes Minister Susan Close, the new DECD CEO Rick Persse, and other delegates including university leaders.



Arts at MARDEN 2016



Marden English Excursion Dunstan Playhouse: 39 Steps

On September 7, 22 students from Marden Senior College English subjects in both Stage 1 and 2 attended Patrick Barlow's stage adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 classic *The 39 Steps*.

The play was performed by the State Theatre Company starring only four actors, Charles Mayer, Tim Overton, Nathan Page and Anna Steen, who played 130 roles in 100 minutes of fast paced fun and thrilling action. Students from Stage 1 EALD, Stage 2 English Pathways, English Communications and English Studies thoroughly enjoyed the performance and experience of seeing a great production and performance from a first class cast.

The play will form the basis of presentations given by students across a number of class assessment tasks with the students eager to deliver their reviews.



An exhibition showcasing current and past student work from Marden Senior College students is currently showing at The Atrium, Burnside Civic Centre, 401 Greenhill Road Tusmore. Certificate III and IV in Visual Arts and Design and Stage 2 Visual Arts courses are represented.

Open from 8:30am- 5:00pm Monday to Friday, the show runs until 23 September 2016.



Interview with Tricia Smith

On August 9 we had an interview with Tricia Smith, an Adelaide based graphic designer. Tricia, our special guest, visited our Stage 1 Information Processing class to give us a better understanding of the desktop design industry.

The class developed a list of questions to ask Tricia that would help us with our assignments. During the interview, we took turns in asking our questions and Tricia provided us with in depth answers.

Tricia spoke to us about the different design techniques and provided us with suggestions that would be useful for our assignments. As well as this she gave us insight as to how work is produced in the graphic design industry.

We really appreciated the help provided by Tricia, as it was valuable to our learning and will be very useful for future use. We thanked her very much for this opportunity.

Adrian, Vanessa, and Karina

Science Week

Week 5 Term 3 was Science Week at Marden Senior College with the theme of Robotics. We celebrated this week by having many of our interactive robots on display in the Library. Students were able to interact with all of the robots on display and learn the science behind how they work. We had various types of robots that differed in their operation, which students interacted with. There were robots powered by saltwater, solar energy, and water. There were robots that produced bubbles, walking robots, robots that would not fall off tables, a robot lizard and a manual forklift robot.



Numeracy Week

Week 7 Term 3 was Numeracy Week at Marden Senior College and we celebrated this week by having three activities at lunchtime in the Library. Monday, students were challenged to use volume calculations and rate of flow estimates to predict the time a jug would fill with water from a dripping tap. Congratulations to Jai Centofanti for predicting within one minute and 22 seconds of the actual time. Wednesday, students completed Maths quizzes and Maths puzzles focussing on Numeracy with Ted and Vimal. Congratulations to Nitya Sukheja and Amanda Tan for winning the first and second prize respectively for the Numeracy quiz. Danial Bahudin and Aditya Mishra were the first and second prize winners in maths puzzles. Thursday, students played the \$215 Shopping Spree with Oanh and Kelly. Students had to collect different shopping items in their size, one of which had to be a sale item, and get as close to \$215 as possible - all without overspending! Congratulations to Corina and Alex who shopped \$214.94 and \$221.40 respectively.

Maths & Science Faculty



Sport and Recreation

Marden Senior College Pedal Prix

On July 30, the students of Stage 2 Integrated Learning – Sport and Recreation participated in the second HPV super series Pedal Prix event. It again took place at Victoria Park racecourse, under the name Maelstrom II. There were over 40 teams which consisted of schools and private teams, racing in the open category.

Fortunately the start of the day was just cloudy and later through the day the sun came out. It was very windy and cold despite the sun but luckily the wind was a crosswind so it wasn't a head wind for the vehicles. The race began at 10:00am and the riders were keen to start riding. We were unfortunately down on a few riders than the last event.

Our riders were:

- Jason Robertson (34 laps)
 - Jack Harris (18 laps)
 - Aaron Kimberley (25 laps)
- And staff chipped in as well:
- Malcolm Cheffirs (27 laps)
 - Jayke Wayne (6 laps)
 - Graeme Hudson (47 laps)

Before the event we set out to beat our number of laps from the previous event, in which we got a total of 140 laps. Although we were down riders, we still made 157 laps, a total of 212 km for the day. Thanks to Shannika James for completing the lap timing for the whole day.

Everyone communicating and working together ensured the day ran smoothly. Both events have been a success thanks to the amount of effort put in by the students to plan and conduct the events. A big special thanks to Malcolm for getting the new vehicle race ready. Also a thank you to Stephen, Lucy, Ted and Barb for supporting our team. We hope all who attended the events had a great time and had a fun experience.

We are looking forward to improving again next year!



Soccer Tournament

This semester the Stage 1 Physical Education class planned and implemented a soccer tournament for the students of Marden. The knockout soccer tournament took place over three lunchtimes and we had a total of six teams enter the competition this year. After a few close contests and narrow victories we were ready for the Grand Final!

The weather was on our side for the last day as the Marden MishMash took on the Yeah Boooooiiiiizzzzzz. After an excellent contest the eventual winners were the Yeah Boooooiiiiizzzzzz. Congratulations to Aditya Mishra, Eliza Shattock, Michael Nguyen and the ring-in on the day Tanishq Mather, on their victory. We look forward to putting on the tournament next year!

Jayke Wayne

Something you may not know about Marden Senior College

Marden Senior College has a long and proud record of accommodating a diverse cohort of VET, Year 11 and Year 12 students, with an enviable results record. For example, last year's Stage 2 results consisted of 36% A grades, including 62 A+ achievements. The College prides itself on accommodating individual student needs and offering flexible delivery options (evening classes, blended learning, etc.) for specialist cohorts of students, including elite athletes who are juggling studies with training/travelling/competing. We specialise in linking curriculum with these students' sporting pursuits and expertise development to gain academic credit.

What people may not be aware of is the number of notable athletes who have maintained or supplemented their SACE studies with subjects at Marden Senior College. Perhaps the most famous is Kyle Chalmers who undertook SACE studies at Marden Senior College in 2014 and 2015, achieving an A+ with Merit in Stage 2 Workplace Practices in 2014, and completing his Research Project in 2015 with an A. Interestingly Kyle's Research Project question was "What preparation might assist me to be a successful professional athlete? His externally assessed investigation for Workplace Practices was "What happens to elite athletes when their career is over, and are they more prone to depression, drug dependency etc.?"

Largely through our highly successful Stage 2 Workplace Practices program students from elite sport and dancing programs undertake SACE studies at Marden Senior College. Below are names of sportspeople that you may recognise who, like Kyle Chalmers, participated in the recent Rio Olympics:

Cycling

- Patrick Constable
- Amy Cure
- Alex Edmondson
- Nettie Edmondson
- Matt Glaetzer
- Stephanie Morton

BMX

- Sam Willoughby
- Anthony Dean

Tennis

- Thanasi Kokkinakis

Other athletes include:

- Matt Cowdrey - Australia's most successful Paralympian
- Maddy Proud and Kate Shimmin - Thunderbirds Netballers



Marden Formal



Walking up the winding entrance to the National Wine Centre, pearlescent purple and white balloons adorned a scarlet red carpet entrance to the beautifully lit venue. Photographers were eager to snap photographs of the guests as they passed through the entryway, with brilliant gradient orange mocktails in hand, as they made their way to the many tables set up around the room.

Fashions of the evening including beautiful, eye catching dresses and admirable suits were something to behold, especially when students, guests and teachers alike flooded the dance floor, which was especially popular during the Macarena and Nutbush City Limits. The photo booth, set up in the corner of the room next to the photographers, provided an immense amount of entertainment, with its hilarious props and red curtain backdrop.

After enjoying a delicious three course meal throughout the night, the lights dimmed, the DJ lined up some popular hits getting the disco ball in the centre of the room fired up and guests having a grand time socialising, dancing and being photographed. There were many awards presented throughout the evening, especially for the dancers, couples and best dressed attendees.

Marden Senior College and the SGA would like to thank all students, teachers and guests for attending the MSC Formal for 2016. It was an enjoyable and successful evening which could not have been possible without the dedication and teamwork of the SGA student members and teachers, with a special thanks to Norina and all the other wonderful teachers who contributed.

Adelia Kimberley, SGA Member for 2016



Literacy Week 'Kahoot's with Harry Potter for National Literacy and Numeracy Week

On Tuesday August 30, Marden Senior College held the First Annual Harry Potter Trivia Quiz to celebrate and promote literacy as part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week.

The quiz took place in the Library Research Project Room and was attended by a large number of students and staff, including the Principal Stephen Inglis, Assistant Principals Lucy Poloni and Janet Elliot as well as staff members Jayke Wayne and Kelly Sharrad. Staff and students formed into teams and had to come up with Harry Potter related team names. Some of the teams were a mixed group of teachers and students while others like 'The Professors' and the 'Deathaters', were staff or student only.

The quiz was conducted using Kahoots, www.getkahoot.com/, an interactive web-based program which allows users to create, share and administer online quizzes. The program allows students to access quizzes using any internet enabled device, including smartphones, tablets and computers. Students and staff answered multiple choice questions and received real time updates on answers and ranking in real time.

Not surprisingly, due to the passion of Harry Potter fans, the competition was fierce and it was a very close race, with numerous changes in the leader board. In the end, the 'Deathaters' came out on top due to their encyclopaedic knowledge of Harry Potter, just edging out the 'Professors', who won second prize.

The event was held as part of Marden Senior College's celebration of National Literacy and Numeracy Week, www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/, which was held from August 29 to the September 4. This national initiative is supported by the Australian federal and state governments and helps to raise awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy at school and beyond.

Thanks to all staff and students who participated and helped make the event a success.

Brennan Dimmell



Marden Education Centre Library

It is a hectic time of the year for students with assignments due and exams looming. A variety of links on the library page on the MSC website and also the library homepage might be worth checking out at this time of the year. If you need assistance to find and use any, please ask the library staff.

The library will be open for part of the upcoming holidays. Please look out for the dates and other information displayed around the school. We will also email students once the dates are set. It is an excellent opportunity to use the facilities to work and also have the option of assistance from library staff if it is required.

A variety of displays have been set up to promote events this term. For Book Week with the theme "Australia – Story Country" we set up displays around the library. The library was also the focus for events in both Science Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week. Chocolate sales to assist the SGA with fundraising have also been popular – especially on those cold days and when an energy boost is required!

An enthusiastic team of staff is available to assist students in the library. We are open from 8:30am until 3:45pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am until 8pm on Wednesday and 8:30am until 3:30pm on Friday. The 4pm-8pm time on Wednesday, as well as after lesson 2 on Friday afternoons, are very useful to spend that extra time working. The staff are here to support you at all times and we look forward to seeing you at the library.

Sue Johnston

From the Pastoral Care Worker

At this time of year; and especially at Marden, I am acutely aware of the rapid culmination of the year and the similarly rapid approach of exams and final assessments. To that end my articles usually emphasise remaining focussed, striving for the finish line and other such apt analogies of a recent Olympic Games. Of course we must stay focussed and energised with our eye on the goal – but, we must not panic or be so frightened by the looming challenges that we become the 'rabbit in the headlights'; frozen with fear and unable to act.

In recent days, I have seen the trailer for an upcoming episode of a new cooking show, "Zumbo's Just Desserts." In this trailer; we – and by 'we' I mean Australia; sees a contestant so over-wrought by panic that she collapses into a ball on the floor; "It's not happening, it's not happening!" she whimpers as seemingly her 'world' collapses around her.

Along similar lines, my daughter when confronted by the last 14 hours of her final Year 12 Art Project was found in the coma position in her room, sobbing, "It's all over!"

So what does a Pastoral Care Worker say of this? Two things.

First, regardless of anything else, despite our worst fears, our hardest challenges and worst ever fails, the sun persistently rises

each morning and despite our worst fears will continue to rise and shine in our lives! The sky will not suddenly fall. Doors will remain open, other doors will open, alternatives will be found and success will come – perhaps delayed, but come it will. Once upon a time before adult campuses like Marden existed, not 'passing' Year 12 meant repeating. This meant for some students having to front up again at their same school at the start of the following year to repeat. This was a fear that consistently confronted me; having all the Year 11 students (in my day they were called "Leaving Students") knowing you 'failed'. However, as I got closer to Year 12 or 'Matriculation', I witnessed something that surprised me. Some students had not 'failed'. Some had simply not achieved their relevant University Entrance Score (now called ATAR), and had willingly chosen to repeat the year to achieve a better one. These were usually the students who went on to be doctors, lawyers etc. They were not to be jeered; not laughed at; rather, they were to be admired, respected and even revered for their fortitude and focus. They were often the Prefects or House Captains, even Captains of School!

So aspiring to be the best can sometimes mean not at first succeeding. Failing is when we stop

trying. My daughter – a sobbing mess on the floor – was 'failing'. So point two is simply this: No matter how vast the challenge may seem, do not give up - and - by not giving up, you cannot fail.

There may well be a ton of work to do. But it can be done. The sun will still come up - just as it did several years ago after 14 hours with my daughter. Her mum, me and her brothers followed her instructions and constructed her art piece and delivered it to school on time. She scored an A for the subject, but she was poised to fail. No matter how dark; how foreboding the challenge may seem – keep going, seek help and support; you will be amazed at what you can achieve and regardless, know that the sun will still rise. Plans can be modified and success is still attainable and best of all; you will even be respected for it.

Put your best foot forward now, do not concede defeat; strive on and success will be yours.

I wish all our students sitting examinations and especially those Year 12 students looking to their futures, the very best of good fortune in your tests and challenges and reassure you of my utmost respect for you and my faith in you.

Tim Wells



News from Student Services

SATAC UPDATE

Term 3 has been a busy time for students looking to continue with tertiary study. Many students have taken advantage of the Open Day programs run by the universities to investigate courses and facilities at the different campuses as a lead up to making their tertiary applications through SATAC. The universities, TAFE and several other RTOs visited Marden during the term and many students took advantage of another opportunity to gather information prior to making an application.

Bonus Points

The three South Australian Universities and Tabor Adelaide are applying bonus points using the same criteria. There are two schemes, one is called "SA Universities Equity Scheme" and the other is called "SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Scheme". If you are a holder of a health care card or equivalent concession, then you are eligible for the 5 bonus points awarded by the equity scheme. An additional 4 points can be awarded through the Language, Literacy and Mathematics Scheme, if you have successfully completed;

- A language other than English
- English Studies or English Communications
- Mathematical Studies
- Specialist Mathematics

These award 2 points each up to the maximum of 4 points.

University Applications

Currently, over sixty students have completed their application for further study. Applications after September 30 incur a late fee of \$119, but students will receive equal consideration for most courses as long as the application is submitted before Monday, December 5.

TAFE Applications

TAFE applications can be made online on the TAFE SA website and students are encouraged to investigate TAFE courses appropriate to their needs. A relevant TAFE course can provide a pathway into a university degree and more and more students are using this pathway as a means of accessing a tertiary qualification.

Come and have a chat with the Student Counsellors to find out more.

The Student Services Team has had a busy term, including focusing on supporting students with successful pathways for 2017. Activities have included:

- Advice and support in individual counselling, SATAC application, career and further education, subject choices for 2017
- Spotlight seminars on SATAC applications, STAT preparation, SACE and VET subjects at Marden in 2017
- Visiting classes to discuss subject choices for 2017
- Careers Expo

If you are wanting to continue studying at Marden in 2017, we encourage you to contact Student Services to make an appointment as soon as possible.

MSC Presentation Night 2016

Tuesday, 29 November 2016, 7:30pm
Norwood Town Hall

Are you completing your SACE this year?

Would you like a certificate recognising your study at MSC?

Can you attend the Presentation Night ceremony?

Use this link to register your intention or scan the QR code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/224361>

