From the Principal

Fresh green buds, flowering trees and nesting ducks currently signal the cycle of the changing seasons in the lovely gardens of our campus. They are the backdrop for our busy SACE Stage 2 students who are preparing for holiday revision sessions, completing their final assignments and exams, and making applications for university places for next year. 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, but are equally focussed, having just received their Term 3 Progress reports. The Student Services area is humming as well. Enrolments for 2015 are already underway for current students, and the start of enrolments signals that the cycle of our academic year also moves on. Marden Senior College is looking forward to another strong enrolment period to build on the successes of 2014. Prospective students are invited to call 8366 2800 to make an appointment to discuss study options.

Soon our current students, families and staff will be celebrating success in studies at our Annual Presentation Night at the Norwood Town Hall. This year it is on Tuesday 25 November at 7.30pm. Success seems to be catching in other areas too. Congratulations go to the MSC Student Government Association members for their efforts in planning both the great College jackets, and the recent College Formal. Their success was well supported by Coordinator Erin Papps. Congratulations also to all the former students, and VET trainers who took part in various exhibitions of creative work during the SALA Festival. The Arts at Marden 2014 exhibition is also a great success, and has filled the Burnside Atrium with a range of bright art works. Our soccer team searched for success with new coach Graeme Hudson in their aim to win back the ‘Adult Re-entry cup’, and the Certificate II Business students sold simulated product packs, at a Trade Fair to test their newly developed skills.

Geology teacher, Len Altman was invited by Professor Linda Kristjanson, to attend the AuScope Parliamentary Friends of Science Breakfast in July at Parliament House, Canberra. He represented the education sector for his involvement with the AuSIS Network (Seismometers in Schools). Len also took part in the Open Classroom project, demonstrating his teaching in order to assist early career teachers. During National SSO Recognition Week the College celebrated the achievements of our School Services Officers with a breakfast, team morning teas and a day exploring the educational facilities and highlights on offer in Port Adelaide. We also celebrated Science Week and our growing Moodle presence, and we began serious work reviewing the achievements of our last three year plan.

The Department for Education and Child Development has released its new Strategic Plan for 2014 – 2017. It outlines how our public education system will become even stronger over the next four years. The plan is a commitment to children, families and the community to continue to improve learning achievement, health, wellbeing, child safety, community engagement, and access to services. For more information, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan. Marden Senior College’s next plan is under construction now, and will align to this DECD work, focussing particularly on the elements which give clear direction to Senior Secondary education. Input is invited from all interested members of the community, and can be sent to bharris@msc.sa.edu.au. We look forward to working together to build the next phase of development at Marden.

Brenda Harris

Senior Jumpers

The Marden Senior College Senior Jumpers for 2014 arrived just in time for students to be able to use them to keep warm in the cold winter we had. A big congratulations to the SGA on designing a great looking senior jumper for the students this year.

Science Week

Marden Senior College celebrated Science Week 2014 with a display of Scientific apparatus, posters and books in the library, and two science week competitions set by Science Staff. The two competitions: The Science Week Finder Word and The Science Week Treasure Hunt were based on the Science Subjects offered at MSC: Biology, Physics, Geology, Chemistry, Nutrition and Psychology. To complete the Treasure Hunt students were required to seek answers from around the school and do some research into scientific concepts. The winners were the first entry to be drawn at random with all correct answers.

Congratulations to Isabella Kimberly for winning the Science Week Treasure Hunt and Allahgholi Moradi for winning the Science Week Finder Word.

Erin Papps
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 visited Marden during the term and many students took advantage of another opportunity to gather information prior to making an application.

University Applications

As we write, approximately 40 students have completed their application for further study. Applications after September 30 incur a late fee of $105, but students will receive equal consideration for most courses as long as the application is submitted before Monday December 2.

Flinders uniTEST

UniTEST is available for most courses at Flinders University. It is worth considering if you are worried about getting a high enough ATAR this year. Flinders will select students based on your ATAR (60%) and your performance in uniTEST (40%). You cannot be disadvantaged by sitting the test, so if your ATAR is better than the combination of ATAR and uniTEST then the ATAR alone will be used for selection. You can sit for the uniTEST at Marden Senior College on Thursday, 16 October but you must register by filling in a form in Student Services ASAP.

TAFE Applications

TAFE applications are expected to open in late September and students are encouraged to investigate TAFE courses appropriate to their needs. A relevant TAFE course can provide a pathway into a university degree. Make sure that you check the SATAC or TAFE SA websites for the latest information.

Apprenticeships

There has been a number of apprenticeship opportunities advertised this year. If you are interested in an apprenticeship you can have a chat with Michael Scarman, our apprenticeship broker, who is in Student Services every Wednesday morning.

Come and have a chat with the Student Counsellors to find out more about any of the above.

From the Counsellors

Bonus Points

Brochures containing information from the universities about the various Bonus Point systems on offer for university entry are available from Student Services or the Library. The brochure lists the phone numbers for the universities so that you can find out your specific ATAR including these points after you receive your results in December. For students on School Card, Health Care Card or Youth Allowance, an extra 2 bonus points are available for students applying to Flinders University and an extra 3 bonus points for students applying to The University of Adelaide. Collect a form from Student Services if you are eligible for these points.

Restoring Bandicoot Habitat in the Mt Lofty Ranges

Cold, wet and threatening snow. A perfect day for an excursion. As the bravest of students headed towards the hills, radio announcers tried to talk the weather into snowing. Hail lay on the ground as students from Stage 2 Environmental Studies and Stage 1 Biology classes stepped warily out of the warm bus into the cold morning air and quickly congregated around the gas heaters in the Upper Sturt Community Hall.

Urged on by Peter and Len, and supported by local environmentalists, students toured the site and began laying out native plants in preparation for the day’s planting. A school bus soon arrived. Students and teachers from Crafers Primary School took the weather in their stride, dumping their bags in the hall and rushing outside. After introductions and instructions, work began with Marden students helping younger children with their planting. It was clear that these young people were no novices, but experienced planters. Only a downpour stalled the planting but all returned as soon as the weather passed.

Lunch time saw the arrival of Animals Anonymous. Students carefully passed around native birds, mammals and reptiles. After departure of the Primary school, Marden students tidied and cleaned the hall before the bus arrived and it was back to school in time for the weekend.

Peter Allen
Totally Wild at Marden

The 2014 Marden Senior College Formal was held at the Sebel Playford on Friday 29 August and it was a huge success. The turnout was amazing and everyone got really involved in the events of the evening. We started out with soft drinks and slushies in the foyer then moved into the main room where everyone was seated. There were people dancing and taking photos and it was really good to see students talking to people they wouldn’t usually talk to, and it made for a really good night. We would like to thank the Sebel Playford for their service and the delicious food. Also, a big thank you to Jenelyn in the bookroom for organizing tickets and to Erin for helping us through the whole planning process and being patient with us. Hope you all enjoyed yourself as much as we (the SGA) did. And for you who couldn’t make it, there’s always next year. Kaitlyn Court

Marden Formal

The Channel 11 film crew spent a morning at Marden Senior College on Thursday 3 September filming students planting native orchids in the school grounds and at the River Torrens. Environmental Studies and Society & Culture students were interviewed, filmed and re-filmed, interviewed and re-interviewed as the film crew took raw footage for this program. A big ‘thank you’ to all of the students involved. Thanks also to Kat Hill our Volunteer Support Officer from the Natural Resources Management Board, and to Heather Whiting for helping with the planning, procuring and propagating plants. These orchids are now starting to flower and will continue over the next couple of weeks. This program will be televised nationally in a couple of months.

Peter Allen
It is a hectic time of the year for students with assignments due and exams looming too. A link on the Library page on the MSC website that might be worth checking out at this time of the year is Study Vibe – a good place for information on revising for exams, study skills, help with writing reports and essays etc. There are also a variety of databases available for students to use. These are also available from the Library page on the MSC website. If you need assistance to find and use them, please ask the library staff.

The library will be open Monday to Wednesday in the first week of the school holidays, ie 29 September - 1 October. 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 “Connect to Reading” we have set up some jigsaw puzzles and a Scrabble board for people to work on in their spare time. These have been very popular with four large jigsaws completed and one being worked on now. And, this year in Science Week the labs came to the library. We had a skeleton overseeing activities that included a day growing crystals. And the competitions were hotly contested with students doing a Find a Word and Treasure Hunt. Chocolate sales to assist the SGA with fund-raising for the Formal 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 3.45 pm Monday, 8.30am until 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8.30am until 3.45pm on Thursday and 8.30am until 3.30pm on Friday. The 4-7pm times on Tuesday and Wednesday as well as after lesson 2 on Friday afternoons are very useful to spend that extra time to work. The staff are here to support you at all times and so we look forward to seeing you at the Library!

Sue Johnston

Let’s Make Marden Senior College Greener

After completing an assignment on Green Workplaces I came to the realization Marden wasn’t very ‘green’ as there was no method of recycling bottles and cans. Also being on the Student Governing Association (SGA) and having to fundraise money for events such as the formal, I believed that developing a recycling system would not only benefit the school and Mother Nature but have the added benefit of raising money as well. Considering the school canteen and numerous vending machines on the school grounds sell both bottled and canned drinks, I felt creating a recycling system was of vital importance.

Around the school you might have noticed many yellow recycling bins and cardboard boxes these are for recycling your 10 cent bottles and cans. Although Graeme Hudson and the Pedal Prix group were also collecting at the school, 199 refundable items were placed in my provided boxes, raising $19.80 in just 4 weeks. On my 4 week trial calculation, Marden could at least raise $200 a year (excluding the Pedal Prix recycling). Not only does this model good environmental practice but the funds raised could go towards the SGA, a charity or providing better recycling infrastructures.

So, keep your eyes out for recycling boxes around the school and recycle your bottles and cans to help raise money for both the Pedal Prix and the SGA.

As you go to dispose your rubbish think about what it is.

Put your cans and bottles in the bins provided and help make Marden a greener school.

Just imagine what we could achieve by recycling all of our waste.

Jess Lymn
**Arts at Marden**

Arts at Marden, is the current Marden Senior College exhibition running from 4 September to 25 September at the Atrium, Burnside Civic Centre. Gary Schulz an arts educator formally opened the exhibition and spoke about how children develop their visual thinking, the opportunities for Marden students to develop their art education and his work for the art displays at the Royal Adelaide Show. Students, staff, friends and family turned out to celebrate the achievements of our art students. The work on display is an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary works and represents the broad range of skills that the students explore in their various subjects – Painting, Drawing, Design, Printmaking, Textiles, Digital Media and Multimedia. If you haven’t yet seen the exhibition it is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Anne Johnson

**Boxed Archaeology**

The Ancient Studies Class went on a mini excursion to our very own Marden lunch yard. This became our archaeological site. Here we took part in excavating broken kitchen crockery such as plates and cups. As a class we carefully dug, from our boxes, broken plates like a real archaeologist would. We were given paint brushes, spades, markers and tape. This equipment was used for different processes, from digging to carefully brushing the dirt of artefacts, to numbering them one by one and taping the pieces together to see the outcome. If you were lucky most of your broken findings would be in the box you dug from. Sometimes pieces were found at other work sites. Students were able to experience the daily activities of an archaeologist from digging up artefacts to analysing the findings. Not only was this a fun exercise, it was educational as well. We students were able to take part in what archaeologists do and understand what the process would be in being one.

Vim Lund

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**MSC Presentation Night 2014**

Tuesday, 25 November 2014, 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?

See your Stage 2 teachers or the book room for details!
On 17 September Marden Senior College competed in two games of soccer versus Thebarton Senior College in the annual Adult Re-Entry Soccer tournament.

In the first game Marden put up a great fight against a well drilled team and eventually lost 2-1. Nurollah Rahimi scored a great goal to get MSC back in the game. Hudhfa Haqi and Ali Hashemi held strong in the defence under relentless pressure along with Zac Storry who was desperate in goals repelling wave after wave of attacks.

In the second game after lunch MSC went down 1-0. MSC started strong but gave away an early penalty which was held out by a desperate defence. After half time MSC changed the formation to 5-3-2 to generate some run on the wings. Yasin Mohammadi battled hard all day on the wing and along with some excellent passes from Oliver Theo got MSC back in the game. All players contributed to a good all round performance. In the end we didn't quite get there but the games were played in great spirit. Next year the tournament will be held at Thebarton and we will be aiming to bring the trophy back!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the team during Recess and Lunch. An even bigger thank you goes out to Tim Wells and the SGA students for supplying a BBQ lunch on the day which was appreciated by both teams. Also David Baird and Michael Guerra for helping with set up and pack up of the marquees.
SSO Annual T&D Session

This year’s T&D day consisted of a variety of activities which were well researched, planned and organised by Gail Truslove to Port Adelaide on Wednesday 20 August.

We started the day with a tour of TAFE SA Port Adelaide campus, our tour guide was Jessica an Admin Officer who works at the TAFE and is also studying to be a nurse at the campus.

We were able to see the practical teaching rooms where students learn to give injections and take blood using dummies. There are also massage tables where you can book in for massages allowing the students to practice. Also of interest was a Virtual Enterprise set up to replica a shop for retail and business students to run.

The rest of the informative tour included the library and client services.

We then had free time to explore Port Adelaide’s historical district.

Trade Fair

On 17 September the Office.com Simulated Business students held a trade fair in the cafeteria. The aim of this annual Trade Fair is to give business students the opportunity to practice marketing and sales skills as part of the Certificate II in Business course.

There was a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation involved in making the trade fair happen. We worked together in teams to design and prepare our product packs and we had to work out a marketing strategy to entice buyers to purchase our packs. The various product packs contained ‘virtual’ business items as well as some real freebies to entice buyers. With the help of some appointed mystery shoppers, we were assessed on our marketing and selling skills as well as our ability to deal with customer queries and work as a team. As the day went on we got more and more confident with our selling skills, and there was some real competition between the booths to see who could sell out first.

PLP Excursion

On Thursday 4 September, students from PLP visited UniSA’s Magill Campus. Magill Campus is home to media arts, performing arts, journalism, education, psychology and social work courses. The focus of this excursion was to take an in depth look at the Media Arts courses and in particular the Film/TV production studio. Students were able to observe a studio in action and 2 students had the opportunity to be newsreaders, using a virtual background and reading from an autocue.

A raffle was also held on the day which raised $49 for the Leukemia Foundation.

We’d like to thank the MSC community for their support in visiting our trading booths and ‘purchasing’ the product packs. A lot of fun was had on the day and it was a valuable experience for all involved.

Thank you
Office.com Simulated Business students

General feedback from the day about what staff enjoyed most in this time included; the wharf area, the historical buildings, a newly built playground and each other’s company. The next organised event was a 2 hour luncheon / dolphin cruise aboard the M.V. Port Princess, where we saw one dolphin and enjoyed beautiful weather, good food, views of several industries and the submarine base.

Our final activity was a tour of the SA Maritime Museum; our tour guide was James a DECD Education Officer.

The tour was very interesting. The replica displays of ships cabins are fascinating to walk through. You get a feel for what it would have been like for early European migrants first arriving back in the 1800s.

Some displays are interactive which is always fun, but we ran out of time to explore everything.

Overall it was a very relaxing, worthwhile and enjoyable day.
From the Chaplain

Term 3 comes rapidly to a close and as a community we are confronted by the challenges of Term 4. Examinations; end of year tasks to finalise plans for 2015; finalising activities before the close of the year; marking and assignments to be completed - and all of this after three busy terms that have left many of us tired and in need of some refreshment and relaxation. I think of the marathon runner, tired, exhausted, lungs bursting, legs burning and the stadium just coming into view. They can see the building, they can hear the crowd, they know they are close to finishing but there is much pain to go through before the rest can come.

Now I certainly hope there is no pain involved but there are similarities in finishing off our work with strength, with intent and with vigour; in short, to end the year with a bang, not a whimper.

Those last assignments need the same degree of attention to detail that the one in Term 1 received when the motivation and energy were there. The discipline of studying for exams must be asserted, when the temptation is to relax and refresh. The end, like the stadium is in sight.

My thoughts are with all our students and staff as they maintain their endeavour and continue to strive towards the finish line. Don’t lose focus now, the rest that is to come is so much sweeter when you have nothing more to give.

Winter is over, Spring is here and Summer is not far away. The light out of my window is brighter and there will be more warmer days now than cold. Term 4 is looking great and I look forward to being here with you as we finish off a great year - a wonderful year.

Tim Wells, Chaplain

Pedal Prix

On 27 July, the Marden Senior College Pedal Prix team competed in the third event of the HPV Super Series at the Victoria Park racecourse. An expected 176 school and university teams were signed up to compete on the day. It was a 7am start to set up our designated area for the event. Tiahna Jelfs, Courtney Burgess and Mathina Price supplied and catered food for the students, teachers and participants who competed on the day.


Our team achieved a total of 95 laps, only 120 laps behind the winning team, which was Platt Racing Trump Trikes. This was an improvement of 20 laps on the first event. Callum rode the fastest lap with 2 minutes and 20 seconds. We managed to get through with no mechanical issues this event. Unfortunately, when Stephen Inglis was riding he got black flagged losing much valuable racing time, much to the delight of some primary school competitors! The day was competitive and all individuals who rode and participated all had a positive opinion of it. The enthusiasm, passion and dedication to the event was highly positive and a great team effort.

Thanks go to Brenda Harris who supplied food to give the riders an energy burst and provide the other students and teachers with a sweet snack. Noel Beard and Lucy Poloni came to visit us and provide support. Huge thanks to Simon Critchley for helping to set up and pack up and tow one of the trailers. Stephen Inglis for riding and supporting most of the day and once again Malcolm for his continued overall management of the team and vehicle maintenance.

Overall, the day was highly successful. The team improved greatly from the first event. This is due to improving the amount of laps completed and…….the girls did not forget any of the food!

The Pedal Prix Raffle was also drawn during the term. Thanks to everyone for supporting the raffle. All funds will be used to upgrade the Pedal Prix vehicle in future years!

1st Prize $200 BBQ donated by Bunnings Modbury: Mark Hayes
2nd Prize $50 Cinema Voucher: Anne Mayfield
3rd Prize Gift Pack donated by IGA Redwood Park: Kathy Papps

Plans for 2015….If you intend to enrol for subjects in 2015, please consider joining our team. We hope to break the 100 lap limit!

The Pedal Prix Team