The 2012 Marden Senior College Presentation Night was celebrated in grand style on Tuesday 20 November at the Norwood Town Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of our students and celebrate their success at the end of the school year.

Guest Speaker was Annette “Nettie” Edmondson, a past MSC student and a 2012 Olympic Bronze Medallist. Nettie’s speech was inspirational; she shared with the audience her strategies for remaining focused and achieving her goals.

The evening was made especially memorable by the official appearance of Flying Officer John Kameron in full uniform and the amazing vocal performance by ESL Teacher, Maria Kvopka – truly a highlight!

The 2012 Caltex Best All Rounder Award winner was Erin Morley. She expressed her appreciation to her teachers for their ongoing support throughout the year and highlighted the significant impact they had on her.

We look forward to celebrating the successes of our 2013 students on Tuesday 3 December!

Peter Allen
Coordinator: Community Partnerships

A special ceremony held on Tuesday 26 February celebrated the launch of the 2012 Register of Achievers Booklet.

The successes of Stage 2 students from 2012 who achieved Outstanding Achievement Awards and/or a Merit in their studies, past Marden Senior College students and the induction of the 2013 SGA members were all celebrated.

Aaron Konopka and Kirstin Marchand’s responses on behalf of former students emphasized their gratitude for the excellent teaching and recognition of people’s individual needs at Marden. They both acknowledged the role Marden Senior College played in providing them with opportunities to achieve success.

The 2012 Register of Achievers booklet contains inspirational stories from 10 former students who have found their own special ‘pathway to success’ at our College. The stories of these students are quite inspirational.

Please ask your teachers to show you a copy.

Peter Allen
Coordinator: Community Partnerships
Welcome to 2013 at Marden Senior College

College Community

It is a good time to take a moment and reflect on the year so far as these last months have been a busy period for everyone. Many of you are new to the College and I trust you have experienced the College as a friendly, encouraging and generous place. Every year Marden is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds and with different personal goals. Part of what is unique about Marden is the opportunity that this new combination of people offers. It is a rich shared and novel experience. We are able to learn from one another as we grow and develop into the 2013 school community. There is a palpable sense of warmth and support which is particularly useful as you refine your study goals for this year and your future ambitions.

As a College we welcome all our new and continuing students and offer best wishes for your studies at Marden.

It is also great to be able to welcome faces new to the MSC staff team as well: Graeme Hudson teacher of Nutrition, Health and PE and Cate Telfer librarian and teacher of History. Thanks go to everyone for supporting new colleagues, and helping settle students into courses and stay on track towards their personal success.

College successes

There have been many notable events already in 2013. SACE results and SATAC offers saw significant successes for many students from last year. At the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House 25 students were awarded with A+ with merit for their studies last year. The Registered Training Organisation Graduation ceremony was attended by the Minister for Higher Education and Skills, students, trainers, and many family and supporters. This was our largest celebration to date and overall 211 people were honoured at the ceremony. Graduates praised the quality work of our College trainers. Congratulations go to all students now on the next leg of their learning journey, particularly those recognised at the recent Celebration of Student Achievement event.

Other successful activities highlight the range of services and talents at the College. Orientation Day, College Forums, the Breakfast with Mentors and the Student Program activities gave many new students a chance to meet their teachers and settle in. Elections are complete for the Student Government Association and student reps will join the Governing Council at the AGM on 29 April. The 2013 Fringe Photography exhibition “Moving Forward” at the Burnside Atrium demonstrated the depth of creative talent here. Harmony Day and the recent successful Trash and Treasure day, BBQ and Wednesday Bread days also show strong commitment to community involvement.

College facilities

Facilities continue to be improved. Students are now using the re-furbished Cafeteria and enjoying the new seating both indoors and out while the staff has a re-vamped kitchen area. More on-site works are planned and it means parking for visitors and staff is tight. Students are reminded of the ample parking spaces off lower Portrush Road. As part of the College Strategic Plan input is encouraged on how improved College facilities can best serve student needs into the future while being as environmentally responsible and sustainable as possible. Students are invited to contribute to the further development of the College community and facilities. Opportunities for improvements can be forwarded through members of the Student Government Association, teachers or by making a time to discuss them with me.

As a college our focus is the education, training and well-being of students. It is in the interest of all of us and the responsibility of all members of Marden Senior College to contribute to maintaining a welcoming, safe adult community where the best personal achievement is possible. Education is a partnership and communication is the key. The challenge for us is to work together consistently and effectively in an achievement-focussed partnership. Share your thinking, and make the most of the support and services offered at the College to help you along your own ‘pathway to success’.

Brenda Harris
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FRINGE PHOTO EXHIBITION

“Congratulations! Some outstanding work - a credit to the school and the teachers.”
Peter Daughtry

“Really enjoyable display of photographic work. Inspiring thank you.”
Cath Watkins
At this time of the year the pressure is really on to submit work, manage subject requirements & expectations. All your teachers can provide support, however additional support & advice is available from the counsellors in Student Services. Confidential discussions can also be arranged by direct contact with one of the counsellors or by making a booking at Reception.

The RTO graduation ceremony which celebrated student achievement in 2012 was held at the Payneham Library complex on Friday 8 March. The number of graduates by qualification is listed below.

- Certificate I in Business – 12
- Certificate II in Access 10 – 2
- Certificate II in Business -25
- Certificate II in Community Services - 5
- Certificate II in Creative Industries - 7
- Certificate III in Business Administration – 12
- Certificate III in Children’s Services – 53
- Certificate III in Education Support – 15
- Certificate III in Media – 17
- Certificate IV in Business Administration – 1
- Certificate IV in Business – 3
- Certificate IV in Design – 5
- Certificate IV in Visual Arts (Painting and Drawing and Textiles) – 21

98 out of 204 graduates attended the ceremony. An indicator of the quality of training provided by the RTO is that the majority of graduates who were unable to attend had work commitments or were enrolled in higher level training. Graduates celebrated their achievements with over 200 other guests who included family, friends, staff and invited guests.

Brenda Harris, joint RTO manager and Principal, Marden Senior College officially opened the ceremony and welcomed the guest speaker Madeleine Hedges to the stage. Madeleine, who is a Creative Consultant and Emerging Textile Artist, spoke about lifelong learning, taking advantage of opportunities and pursuing personal goals and interests. The student responder was Karen Demarco a Certificate III graduate and SACE completer. Karen spoke about the challenges and rewards associated with returning to education as a mature aged student. Karen had left school after year 11 and was thankful to have the opportunity to complete the SACE as 2012 was the first year when students could achieve the SACE by completing a Certificate III and the Research Project.

Graduates were presented with their certificates by Madeleine, the Honourable Grace Portolesi, the Honourable Christopher Pyne and Regional Director (East) Rod Nancarrow. After the official ceremony graduates and guests mingled as they shared light refreshments.
An enthusiastic team of staff is available to assist students in the library. We welcome Cate Telfer to the library team for 2013 and welcome back Debbie Wightman and also Maria Kvopka in Term 1.

The library has an extensive range of resources you can access either in the library and/or via the MSC website under the Library link including books, DVDs and electronic databases. An online tool that is proving very popular is the Online Referencing Generator (ORG) that can assist in the preparation of bibliographies. The tool is available on the library page on the website. If you need any help to find or use the ORG or any of the other resources, then please ask. There is always a staff member at the desk to help out.

Topping up Printing and Internet. The machine to top up your credits for printing and/or internet is in the library. You will need your ID/Library card to use in the machine. Please ask the library staff if you need help the first time you use it!

Current events are highlighted by displays in the library. So far this year we have had displays about The Fringe Festival, Womadelaide, Chinese New Year, Easter and Writer’s Week. Our current display is for Harmony Day. On display in the foyer is the MSC Pedal Prix car.

And, for when you need a snack – the MSC SGA is selling chocolates! They are available from the library desk.

We look forward to seeing you in the library soon!

Sue Johnston, Library Manager

MARDEN SENIOR COLLEGE REGISTER OF ACHIEVERS 2012

Aaron Konopka has a passion for design. Aaron is currently a self-employed freelance designer, working through graphic, web and interactive media.

Matthew Glaetzer, an Olympian at 20. Matthew is currently training for the 2016 Olympic Games

Chandel Brown is now happily employed as a full time corporate & commercial administrative assistant.

Alexandra Phillips found the adult learning experience at Marden prepared her for university study. Andrea began working as a hospital pharmacist in 2011.

Sami Immonen, designer. Sami’s goal is to become a self-employed designer with a focus on socially and environmentally sustainable projects.

Sarah Andary, graphic design and photography. Sarah is enjoying making a living by pursuing her passions as a self-employed photographer and designer.

Caroline Lake, studying her Masters of Philosophy. This year she will travel to the USA to present at conferences before continuing her research in London.

Nettie Edmonson, Olympic medallist and guest speaker at MSC Presentation night 2012. Nettie will commence her studies at Adelaide University in 2013 and is training for the Olympics in Rio in 2016.

Renae Lambden, business studies. Renae would like to undertake some further study in accounting or design.

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On the March 19 the stage 2 Environmental Studies and Tourism classes went on a field trip to Granite Island. The trip was to study the “Little Penguins” and the tourism aspects of the island.

When we arrived on the island and split into two groups, Tourism and Environmental Studies, we met some tour guides who took us through the Penguin Research Centre. While there we spoke to Joyce, a long time volunteer of the island, about how they’ve helped and studied the Little Penguins over the past few years. After this we saw some of the penguins who had been rescued from the area. We went for a walk around the island and continued our educational tour on the Little Penguins.

Whilst on the trip we learnt that the Little Penguin population has been rapidly decreasing. A census conducted in the year 2000 showed that there were approximately 2000 penguins on the island, where as the census conducted last year showed that there were only 26 left! The decline in numbers is largely related to their food supply. Due to the increase in the number of fish living in the local waters surrounding Granite Island and other reasons such as more predators, there has been an increase in seal activity in the area. The New Zealand fur seals, that have taken refuge close by, have been killing the Little Penguins as they are competition for food. 60% of the Little Penguins’ deaths are caused by New Zealand Fur seals. Another problem is that fishermen are migrating down from Port Lincoln because their bag limit has gone down, so they are therefore finding other places to fish.

The decline in population is also due to human interaction. Visitors to the island poke around in burrows and disturb their habitat. Other reasons include the researchers, while they are helping the penguins by rescuing them from predators and injury they could also be unintentionally damaging the penguin’s natural order either by stress, disturbing or rough handling.

The decrease in penguin numbers has also affected tourism on the island as the main attraction is the penguins! The penguin tours are struggling as a result of the decline in tourists; this affects the businesses in the area, including those in Victor Harbor.

Overall the trip was extremely educational and made us abundantly aware of the issues surrounding the island.

Lauren, Katie and Dale
Stage 2 Environmental Studies
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The Harmony Day BBQ (which accompanied the Trash & Treasure) saw the SGA organise their first event together, and it was a great success. Combined with the Trash & Treasure, we raised a sizeable amount of money for Amnesty International. As the SGA, raising money for charity is something we are hoping to do in small doses throughout the school year, with early plans already being made to help the Lions Club raise money for a new heart machine at the Modbury Hospital.

However, the SGA is not only about raising money. We also want to make school more fun. On April 11th we have a band (Masketta Fall) scheduled to play at the school, and throughout the year we’re hoping to bring you many more lunch time entertainment events and activities to help break up the school day. We will also be organising the end of year formal, with tickets going on sale in Term 2. Furthermore, we’re aiming to bring some school spirit to Marden and the first step we’re taking towards this is to organise senior jumpers, allowing you to show off your MSC pride at any school event, such as the upcoming pedal prix.

We’re very much looking forward to this year and we hope to bring you the best possible events and entertainment to make this year one to remember.

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## Hardwick College Award winner for highest achieving female Biology student in SACE 2012.
**STAGE 2 NUTRITION**

Students have recently conducted investigations to determine which food sample contained the most energy. This year students compared the energy released from burning Original Thin Rice Cakes with Sour Cream and Chive Rice Cakes. They were required to set up apparatus and complete the investigation whilst demonstrating safe and ethical work habits.

Twenty nine small groups completed the task, some during the day and the remainder in the twilight class. At present the final reports are being written to establish if their investigation predictions were supported, refuted or found inconclusive. This task is one of three summative practicals they will complete this year for the 20 credit class. Students completing 10 credits will only complete two summative practical tasks.

**MARS SPORTING COMPLEX**

3. Have appropriate clothes for a gym (tracksuits, shorts) **It is a non jeans area**
4. Place your current student card on the reception desk

If you are unfamiliar with any of the equipment you should ask the Marden Senior College staff member (not the MARS gym instructor) on duty to assist you before starting.

Please remember that this is a commercial enterprise and that their members pay for the privilege of using the equipment so please ensure that you abide by simple behaviour and noise codes.

Non compliance with any of the above will result in you being asked to leave

There are numerous flyers placed around the college explaining the procedure. Make sure you are familiar with the attendance procedure before going over.

Any questions can be directed to Graeme Hudson.

**VISIT BY UNIVERSITY OF SA and FLINDERS UNIVERSITY**

On Thursday 7 March, representatives of the University of South Australia and Flinders University visited the college as part of our Student Program. The purpose of the visit was to provide information about tertiary study, adult entry options, midyear intake and other study pathways available to students. The seminar was held in the Hall and was well supported by students eager to hear about options available to them to access university study in the future.

Students interested in tertiary study may wish to take advantage of the following upcoming events to begin their research into relevant courses or study options.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST**

The Convention Centre buzzed with over 2000 women who gathered before dawn for the annual International Women’s Day breakfast on March 8. While there are celebrations all over the world, Adelaide hosts the biggest gathering of women anywhere in Australia, and it is quite an achievement. This is the 20th year of running. Marden Senior College had two tables of guests made up of SSO staff, teachers and for the first time, students from the Women’s Studies class (Anne, Tara and Isabella pictured with Principal Brenda Harris).

Senator Penny Wong welcomed us all and introduced the guest speaker, Dr Anne Summers.

Dr Summers is an author, journalist and leader having worked in many areas of politics and business over a long career. She spoke about coming to feminism when she was young and even before the term was even invented. Her talk covered the early days of what was then called Women’s Liberation and touched on the many advances that she has seen in the lives of Australian women. What was more poignant were her comments that for women without freedom from violence and without economic independence, we are not yet able to say there is gender equality.

The breakfast event is sponsored by the United Nations, and while it felt great to take part in such a positive empowering meeting, we were reminded that our ticket price was helping the UN to expand their services for women experiencing violence and inequality in other countries. “This kind of event is really important to raise awareness about the oppression that still exists in the world today.”

Isabella Gower
CREATIVE FUSION EXHIBITION

A profusion of exciting textile, painting and mixed media works is on view at the Pepper Street Art Centre, 558 Magill Road, Magill.

The works have been created by graduates of Certificate IV in Visual Arts at Marden Senior College. These students have created artworks, including instillations, three dimensional pieces, paintings, wearable art, fabric collages, contemporary abstract wall hangings, lino printing and more. The exhibition was opened by Sarah Bell Smith, artist and educator on Friday 5 April and runs until the 26 April.

This is an exciting exhibition that you should not miss.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT EXPO 2013

The National Careers & Employment Expo is Adelaide’s premier and largest careers, employment, education and training event. Students are able to speak directly with major employers such as SA Police, SA Government, SA Health, Defence Force Recruitment, Australian Aerospace, BAE Systems, Woolworths, ASC Shipbuilding, Mortgage and Finance Association, Transfield Services, Southern Cross Care and many more.

Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showground, Goodwood Road
Friday 17 May, 9 am – 4 pm
Saturday 18 May, 10 am – 4 pm
FREE ADMISSION

TERTIARY STUDIES AND CAREERS EXPO 2013

TSCEA is an important event for anyone seeking to explore their tertiary studies, training and career options. With an overwhelming number of courses on offer each year and constantly changing career opportunities and pathways, entry requirements and study options, it is vital you keep up to date with the latest information on your career prospects.

This event is ideal for all senior school students, parents, and mature age students, as well as career seekers. With exhibits from all public South Australian Universities, as well as those from interstate and overseas, visitors can gain a comprehensive insight into the institutions and programs that best suit them. TSCEA also features representatives from TAFE SA, Defence Forces, Private Education Colleges, student support services, as well as a significant number of graduate employers and government agencies recruiting for graduate placements.

More information is available at: http://www.careersevent.com/AdelaideTSCEA/Home.php

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY PRINCIPAL’S SCHOLARSHIP

On Tuesday 12 March, I had the pleasure of attending the University of Adelaide’s annual presentation to scholarships winners. Tam Nguyen was nominated by Marden Senior College to receive the prestigious Principal’s Scholarship at the end of 2012. The scholarship is valued at $5000 and students need to receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of at least 90 and accept an offer to study at the University of Adelaide. Tam is a worthy recipient of this scholarship, having completed her Year 12 schooling at Marden and gaining an A+ merit for Economics, and ‘A’ grades for her other subjects. Tam stated that winning this scholarship provided extra financial security and would allow her to concentrate on her studies. We wish Tam well as she embarks on her Economics degree.

Bernadetta Chaustowski