Term 3 2021

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Marden Matters

From the Principal

We have been very fortunate in South Australia as schools have experienced limited interruption to the teaching and learning programs due to the impact of COVID-19. Parent/caregiver and student support and cooperation has been very much appreciated, as together we successfully navigated through the 7-day lockdown and the prompt return to face to face teaching and learning at the start of the term.

As a result, Term 3 has been a busy and productive term for the College. I have been visiting classrooms and observed students actively engaged in learning and consolidating important skills, understandings, capabilities and competencies that will support final SACE/VET submissions and exams. Term 3 reports are now available online from Daymap and are an important source of information for parents/caregivers and students to better understand progress and to determine strategies to finish each subject successfully. The counselling team, subject teachers and mentors are available to address any concerns and parents/caregivers and students are encouraged to make contact sooner rather than later.

A holiday study roster will be in place over the two week October break. Teachers will be providing additional lessons and running SACE subject and VET specific workshops to support student learning. Individual teachers have informed their classes of the relevant dates and times. This is a valuable opportunity for students to participate in targeted and timely programs that will support SACE success.

There has been plenty of activity and success in a range of areas across the college this term. Once again, the SGA has organised a variety of events, from 'Wear it Purple Day' and the 'RUOK day?' BBQ as well as effectively representing student voice on the Governing Council. Well done to those students also involved in the Annual Art at Marden exhibition at the Atrium Burnside Council. The work on display skilfully and competently showcased the creative talent from SACE Art classes, Cert 3 Painting and Drawing, Cert 3 Design Fundamentals and Cert 3 Screen and Media. Added to this, the Stage 1 Health & Wellbeing class engaged the Marden College Community in a Wellbeing Expo on RUOK Day held on Thursday 9 Sept. Groups of students designed, planned and implemented a range of fun health and wellbeing activities for staff and students to participate in on this day.

I thank parents/caregivers and students for their participation in surveys conducted over recent weeks to provide feedback to the college on what is working and where we can improve. This feedback will inform our current work and will be used along with other evidence to support strategic planning for the 2022 school year.

Student Services is now busy with enrolments for 2022 as well as supporting our current students in making subject choices for next year. The success of the sold out Principal Tours held this term is an indication that classes will be filling up fast and prospective parents are encouraged to call 8366 2800 to make an appointment to discuss study options for their student.

In closing, the end is in sight. It is important to remember that success and working hard looks and feels different for each student. I am confident that students will persist and rise to the challenge of completing their final VET/SACE assignments and Stage 2 Exams to support their individual goals and preferred pathways. As a community we look forward to acknowledging and celebrating student success and the school year at Marden Senior College's Annual Presentation Night to be held at the Norwood Town Hall on Tuesday 23 November at 7.30pm. Booking and organisational details will be published early next term.

Nikki Kotrotsos

Special Birthday

On Tuesday 7 September we celebrated Sylvia William's 80th Birthday! It was a joyous occasion with delicious treats supplied by Corina Fielding and Daniel Forrester.

Sylvia has been a volunteer here at Marden for over 10 years. She has provided a dedicated and invaluable service for Marden Senior College. Sylvia has recently fully retired and she will be greatly missed.

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Headspace session

On Thursday 19 of August, three representatives from Headspace presented a speech to the Stage 1 English students. Topics such as psychosis, depression, healthy coping mechanisms, and substance use were discussed with the students. The representatives encouraged students to not be ashamed to reach out for help. The presentation was informative and interactive, with several opportunities for the students to engage and ask questions. For more information on the services that Headspace offer, please visit their website: headspace.org.au

Written by Alanah and Zainab

MSC Formal

Marden Senior College Formal
Hollywood Starry Nights

The College is pleased to announce that we have been able to secure a new date for the MSC Formal. The event will now take place on Friday 12 November at 6.30pm at the Hilton Hotel. The formal is an important milestone and a way for students to come together to celebrate their friendships, peers and successes during the school year. The college and teachers look forward to celebrating this event with our students.

See poster on last page.

SGA Report

Student formal is going ahead on 12 November 2021 at 6.30pm at the Hilton Hotel as finalised date.

We ran a barbecue for "RUOK Day" in conjunction with MSC and OAC activities which was successful

Wear It Purple day was a successful day for us and our aims of acknowledging the LGBTIQ+ community at MSC/OAC were achieved.

Year 12 student leader receptions - Liesel Downes and Elleanor Norton-Fox will visit Government House on 12 October as part of the Year 12 student leader reception with newly appointed Governor Ms Frances Adamson.

SSO Week

A successful morning tea was held on Thursday 12 August to celebrate and acknowledge the great work that our SSOs provide across the college. All enjoyed a morning tea and the cake almost stole the show. Once again, a sincere thank you to our SSOs for their commitment, passion and dedication in providing good service to the Marden Senior College community.

Careers Information

East Adelaide Career Expo went virtual

Due to the uncertainty around Covid-19 and some of the tightening of restrictions on large gatherings our 2021 Career Expo was converted into an online, virtual experience. Although this wasn't initially ideal, there are many advantages of having all that career and course information available at a click of a button 24/7. In fact that material is still available to you by visiting www.msc.sa.edu.au/eace

SATAC UPDATE

Term 3 has been an exciting time for students looking to continue with tertiary study. Many students have taken advantage of the virtual and physical, 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.

Remember also, that useful careers information can still be accessed by subscribing to (free with the Marden School code) the Study Work Grow, Careers newsletter and visiting the, my future, website.

studyworkgrow.com.au
School code: Marden19

www.myfuture.edu.au

TAFE Applications

TAFE applications for competitive courses can also be made online on the SATAC website and students are encouraged to investigate TAFE courses appropriate to their interest. Many TAFE courses provide a pathway into a range of university degrees and more and more students are using this pathway as a means of accessing a tertiary qualification. Unlike university applications, TAFE applications are free.

University Applications

Currently, about 60 students have completed their application for further study. Applications after September 30, incur a late fee of $145, but students will receive equal consideration for most courses (some courses do not accept a late application at all) as long as the application is submitted before, December 1.

Flinders uniTest

A number the students who have applied for university courses have listed at least one course at Flinders University. If one of these students is you, then there's no reason not to sit the Flinders uniTEST. This year, your result can replace 100 percent of your ATAR for selection into Flinders courses. If the test score is not better than the ATAR, then only the ATAR is considered. Also the test is completely free and will be held right here at Marden in week 1 of next term.

uniTEST
Helping you get into university
Flinders UNIVERSITY

To register your interest, go to forms.gle/BTGigzWQgYoekvaW7.
You will need your SATAC reference number (which you obtain when you make a SATAC application).

Adjustment Factors (previously known as bonus points).

The three South Australian Universities and Tabor Adelaide apply Adjustment Factors 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 adjustment factors 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 Literary Studies or English
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics.

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

If you want clarification on any of these details, come and have a chat with one of the Student Counsellors.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who this year have completed a Certificate 3 course as part of their study program.

Chiara Formato - Certificate 3 in Business
Gihansi Guruge - Certificate 3 in Business
Kristen Shirlock - Certificate 3 in Business
Karm Patel - Certificate 3 in Business Administration
Tina Levi - Certificate 3 in Education Support
Bethany Hall - Certificate 3 in Dance
Kaylin Kratzer - Certificate 3 in Visual Arts

All the best with your future career pathways, Gabe.

MSC Art Show at Burnside Atrium

From 1 to 22 September, artwork created by students of SACE Art, Certificate III Painting and Drawing, Certificate III Design Fundamentals and Certificate III Screen and Media students were exhibited in the Burnside Council Atrium. This annual public exhibition is an important celebration of student achievement, and provides an excellent platform for Marden Senior College to shine in the public eye. Next year this exhibition will also form a crucial part the new Stage 2 Community Studies Art class, who will have part of their assessment based on their experience of participating in the show.

Library News

During the week of RUOK, the library hosted Wellbeing activities. During lunch and recess the students had the opportunity to participate in a silent disco. There were also other activities: sketching, plasticine, sensory experiences, colouring mandalas and Charlie the Story Dog, as well as a competition: "Unmask your favourite emoji (or invent your own)".

We had 5 winners from MSC: Tate Thomas-Boyce, Maddy Farrell, Israel Kamin, Nazha Nasmi and Hitashi Jani. They will receive a chocolate of their choice from the library for their efforts.

Zoe Elliott
Library Manager

RUOK? Day

The Stage 1 Health & Wellbeing class engaged the Marden College Community in a Wellbeing Expo on RUOK Day Sept 9. Groups of students designed, planned and implemented a Health promoting activity and presented to students and staff during the lunch break.

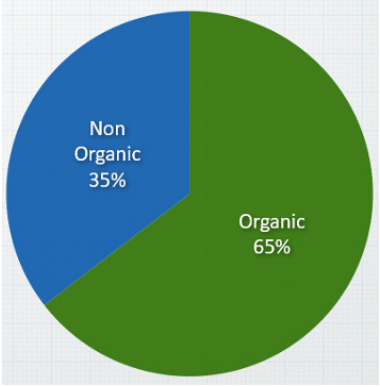
Activities included Self-help booth, Board games, Crystals and reading cards, Fitness circuit, Friendship bracelets and Cookie stall. Students gathered evidence of participation and feedback to inform their Practical Action study.

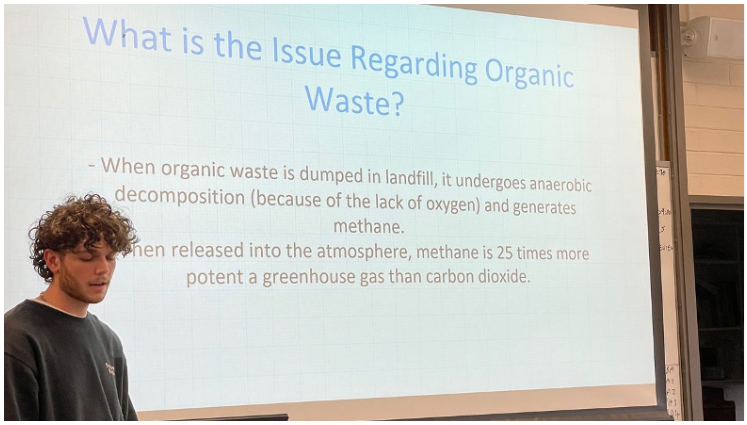
It was great to see the college community joining in and having fun on the day.

Organic Waste Bin Proposal

During Term 3, the students from the Stage 2 Environmental Action class were tasked to look at proposing an Organic Waste Bin System at the school. Students learned about the benefits of what organic waste was and the benefits of composting the waste to produce fertiliser to use in the school garden. The initial part of this task involved students undertaking a bin audit of several bins around the school, where they found that 65% of the waste collected was organic matter and only 35% was other waste (a large proportion of the other waste was also recyclable, but that's another issue altogether!). Students had to then research different bin options, issues around setting up a system and how to address those issues. They used previous successful case studies on organic bin systems that other department schools implemented as well as conducting student and staff surveys regarding the implementation of the bin system. This all culminated in an informative final presentation where Josh Ridsdale presented a successful proposal to the principal and assistant principals. We look forward to the trial run of the organic bin system to be up and running next year!

Oanh Luong
Stage 2 Environment Action Teacher





From the Pastoral Care Worker

As I write, the Spring Equinox is upon us in the southern hemisphere. This means there is an even number of daylight and night time hours. It also means it is officially Spring!!

"For everything," they say, "there is a season." (The Byrds made this very famous in the song –'Turn Turn Turn' although the concept is originally mentioned in the Bible; Ren in the 1984 version of Footloose reads it out – "…a time to dance!") Our Formal is happening at this stage – and it is our time to dance!

As I think of seasons, I think of our campus. The cutback roses are full of glossy green foliage; the lawns are looking greener and trimmed. The trees are getting there leaves back. Our grounds have for many years looked fantastic – they have flourished in their season; they have flourished because of Michael Guerra.

For more than 25 years Michael has tended the grounds here at Marden. For 13 years he has been the one cooking BBQs, helping with packaging and distributing bread and cakes at recess time; every week for 13 years!

There are sculptures here at Marden that exist because of Michael and the ones he hasn't created, he tends. He has created garden beds; planted those aforementioned roses and garden beds; assisted with the building of shelters, borders around gardens. He has built the tables we sit at under the verandahs, he has repaired all that is broken, or at least ensured it is repaired. He has mown acres and acres of lawn over the years, pruned, raked, built and always been one with a jovial comment to make to someone – always in gest, always in good humour. He has helped so many individual members of staff with projects, that have positively benefitted the College. Photography and art displays are presented because of Michael's work and chairs and tables are in order for significant events – not the least of which exams!

To list his work and efforts over the years is fraught with risk – there will be so much left out. Yet he goes under the radar – (he is after all vertically challenged…) Michael has, over the years, become the institution we didn't know we had. He has over the years been the reason why so much worked.

For over 25 years, it has been 'his season' and we have been the beneficiaries. He has made it 'our season too.' He has worked with at least five Principals I know of; has seen staff leave and then return. He has remained, constant and a strength in our foundation that we never really thought about.

Yet the season is changing; Marden will change – our lives at Marden will change because of his departure.

But, our lives must change. We cannot remain unchanged because of a man. That is way too much responsibility to place on one person's shoulders. We must learn from Michael's commitment, diligence and work ethic and move on, better than we were and better than we are.

Marden is wonderful campus because of Michael. Thank you, Michael; there are no more words - except to draw attention to the demonstration that this Newsletter proclaims and that Michael embodies, Marden Matters.
I know I speak for all in wishing Michael and his family the happiest of retirements. Best wishes in all you do.

Tim Wells
Pastoral Care Worker

Certificate III in Food Processing at Marden

Our two Certificate III in Food Processing (Baking and Patisserie) classes have been not only learning valuable skills and knowledge through their VET training and assessment each week here, but also preparing and serving espresso coffees, delicious morning tea and lunch options for students and staff to purchase in the Cafeteria every Thursday and Friday.

Each week students produce a minimum of two new products, some of these items have included cannolis, baguettes, samosas, French pastries, cakes and a wide range of international dishes

Led by highly experienced VET Trainer Tony Iommazzo, who has many years of working in the food industry, the students learn skills such as pastry formation and filling, bread baking, sweet yeast production and undertake stocktakes and abide by WHS/food safety procedures.

The expert training programs ensure you emerge with a dream patisserie and baking skill set. From perfecting the art of cake making to baking the perfect sourdough, making exquisite pastries to creating one-of-a-kind amazing cake and pastry show pieces such as Croquembouche.

Students who have achieved this certificate have gone on to achieve employment in a range of areas including café and food operations, baking and retail baking and commercial cookery. Employers have included Bici Espresso Cafe, St. George Bakery, Coles Bakery, Argo on the Parade and many more.

Heather Thomas,
VET/RTO Senior Leader

James Stevens Visit

On Wednesday 22 September the Federal Member for Sturt, James Stevens, came and spoke to the Stage 2 Politics, Power and People class about his role as a Federal Member and the current political issues facing the State, Nation and Globe.

The students were able to engage with James and question him on a variety of topics ranging from the government's Covid-19 response, vaccines, climate change, bushfires, nuclear submarines, future employment, study options and Australia's relationship with The United States and China.

James was impressed with the depth of knowledge of Marden students and the quality of their questions as they clearly displayed a keen engagement in, and understanding of, current complex political issues.

Noel Beard
Stage 2 Politics, Power and People Teacher

NPSP Council School Holiday Activity

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npsp.sa.gov.au

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Hollywood Starry Night

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