Fencing
Some additional short black fencing is being installed around the school. This is for several reasons, including:

◊ Protecting students by avoiding them walking on road ways (cul de Sac) areas where cars and trucks use.

◊ Ensuring everyone keeps to pathways to allow grass and gardens grow, enhancing our environment, making Marsden SS a better place to be.

Unfortunately, I have seen some parents encouraging students to push their way through hedges, rather than walking a few meters around!

School Musical

WHERE IN THE WORLD?
- A musical extravaganza

The musical will be performed twice next week for the community.

♦ Wednesday 21 October, 12.00pm (Noon)
♦ Thursday 22 October, 6.30pm (Evening)

Please arrive early enough to purchase tickets at the door for $5 per person regardless of age.

School Photos
This all went smoothly and we expect delivery of photos towards the end of term. We will keep you informed.
P-2 Newsletter

Term 4 has started smoothly for our students and many exciting events are planned for the rest of the term. Set out in the Date Claimer are some of the planned activities in the Junior School.

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Congratulations to all our students for the wonderful display of sportsmanship at our recent Junior Sports Day at the end of term 3. It was a close competition but Acacia House were named Junior Sports Day Champions for 2015. The trophy has been engraved and is now on display in the cabinet in the Dean Hall Foyer. Class 1KS is pictured here showing off the sports day trophy.

Well Done to the many students who were presented with Class Awards. I had the opportunity of visiting many classes to present awards and these are presented in the outlined photos.

Our first parade for the term will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 1.30pm in the Dean Hall. Come along and enjoy the Prep Performance. All Welcome!
Middle School Update

The weather is certainly warming up and it is really important that students stay hydrated. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. Without water, students may experience headaches, and lose concentration therefore not being able to focus on learning. I would also encourage students to fill up their water bottles throughout the day.

I have been walking through the classrooms in my sector during the Literacy Block. It has been wonderful to see students engaging in a range of modelled and shared reading lessons. The goal of these lessons is to teach students a range of decoding and comprehension skills, including our fortnightly whole school comprehension focus strategy, ‘Main Idea.’ I’m looking forward to sharing with you some examples of student learning highlighting their understanding of our comprehension focus strategies.

Our Middle Phase parade has seen many students receive awards this week. Some students received awards for always working hard, always doing their best, improvement in attendance and improvement in behaviour. Well done to Abby and Ronisha (3AG), Xavier (3KJ), Yaman and Laylah (3YC), Kydon and Liaina (3JG), Cody and Mia (3SA), Travis and Victoria (4JT), Christopher and Madison (4KM), Vonie and Sonnu (4KF), Talayna and Zechariah (4EP), Latisha and Wilson (4ST) and Alethea and Grant (4/5EB). Congratulations to all of our award recipients.

Welcome back to all! It’s going to be a very full term. This Monday is a student free day, at which time teachers will be involved in professional development.

Congratulations to award recipients at parade last week!

This week Year 5 students were invited to attend the Year 5/6 Disco

Date: Thursday 29/10/2015
Time: 5:30pm–7:00pm
Venue: Dean Hall
Cost: Entry/Pizza/Drink deal $7.00 (payment to class teacher)

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Senior School Update

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Volunteers needed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please enquire at the tuck shop if you can help for a couple of hours. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

There are a few amendments for the Spring menu:
- Up and Go $2.30
- Raisin Toast N/A
- Specials
- Nudie Juice, apple and tropical $1.80
- Mini Beef Pies $1.00

A big thank you to all my volunteers.

Cheryl Dickson
Convener

** Breakfast Club **
Breakfast Club is on outside the Dean Hall every morning from 8:00am. Children will not be served before this time.

** Uniforms **
Uniforms both new and second-hand will be sold after Breakfast Club from 8:45am each morning outside of the Howard Centre.

Second-hand shorts are in desperate need! If you have any pairs that do not fit your children please donate them to the school!

Outside of School Hours Care is now available at the school. Ask for an information pack from the school office!
Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week’s PBL Focus has been – Hat Responsibility

Aspects covered have included:
* No Hat, No Play
* Our hats are worn on our heads to protect us from the sun
* We look after our hats
* We don’t take other people’s hats
* We don’t use our hats as weapons

Next week’s focus is ‘Beat the Bell’ which also looks at before school procedures.

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving to school on time:
* ensures your child doesn’t miss out on important messages as well as learning activities which are scheduled early in the day when children are most alert;
* helps your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine;
* gives your child time to greet their friends before class and reduce the desire to do so during learning;
* can reduce anxiety and stress levels.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year!

Some tips to help your child ‘Beat the Bell’:
* Have a routine bedtime that allows your child to get 8-10 hours of sleep per night;
* Prepare lunches the night before
* know how long the morning routine and trip to school will take
* Have a set ‘wake up time’ which allows enough time for above routine
* Use an alarm

Students should arrive between 8am and 8:15am and be seated in the hall by 8:20am when the first bell rings.

You may have notice that some works occurred over the holidays up in the main council carpark in front of the office. The Department of Transport and Main Roads extended the footpath and installed a zebra crossing as well as new signage.

This project was the result of a grant that the school had applied for towards the end of last year. Works carried out totalled $6092 plus GST to complete the project.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Marsden State School is currently seeking donations for our mega Christmas raffle.

Non perishable food, toys, pet food, books, beach towels, sun screen, picnic items, camping items, Christmas decorations or items related to Christmas. Anything that you can think of would be greatly appreciated. Think of what you would like to get in a Christmas hamper. The options for donations are only limited by your imagination.

Please bring all donations to the office.
2015 BRISBANE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Artistic Director Tama Matheson

Kids Classic Shakespeare

11am Saturday 14 November
MARSDEN LIBRARY

Introduce your children to the magic of Shakespeare with his stories cleverly adapted for the littlies ...

Bookings essential
Call Marsden Library 3412 4180, or register online:
http://loganlibraries.org/events_calendar

Logan City Council Libraries

A 4MBS Classic Arts Production
JELLY BEAN COUNT

Can you guess how many jellybeans are in the jar? Costing: 50c per guess or $1 for 3 guesses.

How to Enter: 8am – 8:20am in the Hall
Playtime in the RTC.

Fundraising for our Homework Club (EATSIPS committee)