FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students**

I would like to welcome you to the 2015 school year at Marryatville High School. I extend a very warm welcome to Year 8 students and their families, together with all other people who have joined the school community for the first time this year. I look forward to working with you and your family to ensure that 2015 meets your expectations. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or there are issues you would like to discuss.

**SACE Stage 2 Results 2014**

I would like to congratulate our 2014 Year 12 students on their excellent results. In summary:

1. 79.6% of students received an ATAR
2. there were 33 merits
3. 32 students received an ATAR greater than 95
4. 34.2% of students received an ATAR greater than 90 meaning 34.2% of students are in the top 10% of the State
5. 17.1% of students are in the top 5% of the State
6. 73.5% of grades were an A or B

**Student Merits**

Four Merits
Abhishekh Chemistry, Specialist
Srinivas Mathematics, Mathematical Studies, Research Project B

Three Merits
James Morley Performance Special Study, Solo Performance, Ensemble Performance
Haoyang Wu Chemistry, Biology, Physics

Two Merits
Sarah-Jo Bramfit Solo Performance, Drama
Claudia Camilos Physical Education, Biology
Daniel Ensemble Performance, Solo Performance

One Merit
Paul Alvaro Chemistry
Matthew Amberg Research Project B
Naomi Belet Drama
Benjamin Finnis Solo Performance
David Goodwin Musicianship
Alexandra Ladas Psychology
Nicholas Litchfield Physical Education
Abby Matson Mathematical Applications
Benjamin Moore Specialist Mathematics
Hazel Paton Psychology
Jack Rumbelow Chemistry
Joseph Steer Chemistry
Roman Stepchyn Russian (continuers)
Madeleine Stewart Composing and Arranging
Ziqi Tang Chinese (background speakers)
Maja Vujic Psychology
Courtney Physical Education
Waterman

**Governing Council**

Governing Council met on Tuesday 10th February and will meet on the second Tuesday each month during term time. Below is the list of meeting dates for 2015.

1. 10th February
2. 8th September
3. 10th March
4. 13th October (TBC)
5. 12th May
6. 10th November
7. 9th June
8. 24th November AGM
9. 11th August

A list of Governing Council members and Office Bearers will be published in the next Newsletter.

**Student Numbers and Staffing**

We have commenced the year with 1258 students and 115 staff. continued on page 2

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See page 3 for Language News

The Languages Faculty will be busy this year planning their involvement in the visit from (and to) our sister-school, the Cours St-Charles in France and our visit to Soja Minami Senior High School in Japan. It is also hoped that a trip to China will occur in October.
From the Principal

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Uniform
While almost all students comply with the Uniform Policy, a few push the boundaries by wearing inappropriate items of clothing. All students are required to fully comply with the Policy when at school or on a school related activity. We have had a few occasions where students have presented notes to staff indicating they have parental permission to be out of uniform. This should only occur when there is a genuine reason like a foot injury requiring different footwear. Students are not permitted to wear nose rings and we don’t expect students to dye their hair using a colour which attracts attention. I seek your support in relation to attendance and uniform.

Hot Weather Arrangements
In the event of hot weather Marryatville High School will operate the normal program of lessons and students should attend each day. Staff will supervise cool areas of the school at recess and lunch times and this information will be provided to students on a daily basis. It is important that lunches are kept cool to avoid food poisoning. Lunches brought to school in an insulated container with a freezer brick or frozen drink bottle will assist in addressing this issue. Students who are feeling unwell should report to a staff member who will provide assistance and support. If you have any queries please contact the school on 8304 8420.

Pupil Free Days 2015
This information will be sent out as soon as it is finalised and will be published in the next newsletter.

Mark Leahy
Principal
2015 sees the return of familiar faces, Mr Thorburn, Ms Brookes, Ms Ma, Ms Francis and Mr Woodley, to teach French, Chinese and Japanese.

Ms Edamatsu, our Japanese Exchange Teacher will be with us again for most of Term 1 before she returns to a new school in Japan. Mr Woodley is fresh back from Japan after spending a year teaching English in Himeji. We welcome back Ms Watson after a long break to teach 2 French classes, Ms Kronitis for 2 classes of French and Mr Ding to teach 2 classes of Chinese.

There have been a number of changes to classes this year, as growing enrolments at Year 8 increased the number of Language classes to ten. The number of classes in each of the three languages we offer is decided according to students preferences expressed as part of the enrolment process. In 2015 there are six French classes (two for students with previous background and 4 for beginners), and two classes of Japanese and two of Chinese. Where practicable, students with previous experience in Japanese and Chinese have been separated from those without any experience into different classes. With the publishing of the Australian Curriculum in all three languages previous experience in Japanese and Chinese will determine which language pathway students will take through high school.

Where possible, language classes are taught in specialist classrooms in the Languages area.

The Languages Faculty will be busy this year planning their involvement in the visit from (and to) our sister-school, the Cours St-Charles in France and our visit to Soja Minami Senior High School in Japan. It is also hoped that a trip to China will occur in October. The French group arrives on July 4 and departs on August 1 (to be confirmed). The Japanese group leaves towards the end of Term 3. There are twenty French students who will need homes and we are looking for host families. So if you can help please let us know. Your child can collect information about the group from their French teacher. French students will leave towards the beginning of December (possibly just after the Taylor Swift concert!!!).

Mr Thorburn is the contact person for Languages information. The Department for Education and Child Development offers teaching programs in 10 languages and supports the provision of 53 languages across South Australia through a system of complementary providers – School of Languages, Ethnic Schools or Open Access College for example. Should you require any information about the languages programs of the school or across the state please contact Mr Thorburn.

Should your child be interested in undertaking an exchange with a student exchange organisation, then please contact Mr Thorburn for information. He is the contact person for all organisations.

If your child is interested in any of the hosting or travel opportunities that the school offers, please contact Mr Thorburn or your child’s language teacher for more information.

A few of our volunteers, including myself, will have children attending Year 12 this year. Sadly at the end of this school year, many of the existing volunteers will be moving on with their children and this will mean that the Eden Park Garden Group will cease to exist unless we have a new breed of volunteer parents who are willing to commit one Saturday morning a month to maintain the gardens.

Due to being a public education facility, the school can only assist to maintain the grounds and so the importance of the volunteers to keep the gardens looking beautiful is paramount.

We will be holding a working bee at the gardens on 21st February 2015 between 9am and 12pm and all are welcome to attend. Access is from The Crescent next to St Matt’s Church and there is parking in the garden grounds.

Please remember to bring your own gloves, a hat, sunscreen and a friend. We will supply a lovely morning tea and some light conversation.

It really is an enjoyable morning and well worth the effort.

As a person of great commitment wrote: “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success” – Henry Ford.

From the Eden Park garden co ordinators
Ros Blue, Peter Turner and Sharon Ouwerkerk
2015 – MUSIC IS LIFE
Welcome to a new year of Music. This year promises to be a wonderful year full of musical experiences and opportunities. These will include tours to Mt Gambier and Melbourne, performances with the Adelaide Philharmonia Chorus, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, Adelaide Baroque, workshops with the Australian Chamber Orchestra and various guest presenters.

We congratulate last year’s graduates who did very well in their Stage 2 assessments. Our students did exceptionally well, with the lowest score of “B”. It is important to remember that although many senior students were from the Special Music cohort, our successful graduates included Elective Music students.

INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC
This week the junior students have been getting better acquainted with the wide range or instrumental experiences we have to offer at Marryatville High School. These include such ensembles as Guitar, Flute, Baroque, Bassoon, Recorder, Percussion and instruments like oboe, bassoon, harpsichord, horn and euphonium.

Students interested in learning the instruments mentioned above, and others such as harp, pipe organ, bass guitar can see Ms Feneley (the Music Coordinator). It is also possible for students to access private lessons at school.

BURNSIDE CAROLS AT HAZELWOOD PARK
In December of last year the Junior Choir and Concert Choir participated in the Burnside Carols at Hazelwood Park.

The Choirs each sang a set of songs and then led the audience in carol singing, accompanied by a concert band directed by Bruce Raymond.

CALENDARS & REHEARSAL SCHEDULES
The Music Centre will publish calendars and schedules through Google Docs and Google Calendar.

These formats are quite user friendly. Google Calendar information can be download and synced into most electronic calendars. We encourage parents and students to access these electronic links, as they will provide up-to-date information, any adjustments in times, and also documentation for relevant activities (e.g. permission slips and ticketing information).

CO-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS
• Rehearsals begin in Week 2, Term 1. Please speak to Music staff for more information.
• The timetable is subject to change throughout the year. For the most updated timetable please use the following link to the document http://goo.gl/87glVk
• One-off changes to rehearsals and times will be on the noticeboard in the Music Centre foyer and also in the daily notices. It is expected that students check these regularly.
• Parents will receive a ‘consent form for Music practice’ for their child to attend rehearsals for each ensemble.
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KANGAROO ISLAND TOUR
At the end of last year Big Band 1 toured the Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island. The tour began on December 2nd and travelled to Goolwa Primary School for their first concert which was very well received by students and staff.

Then to Victor Harbor Primary School for a performance to the younger students. The first night was spent in the lovely seaside town of Victor Harbor with a 6.00am start the following morning to Cape Jervis for the ferry trip to Kangaroo Island.

The Music staff from Kangaroo Island’s DECD schools greeted us for our first concert at Parndana Campus where the band entertained the entire school. A much needed swim was had at Stokes Bay before the band made its way to Kingscote. The evening performance was mainly the percussion students providing a wonderful array of improvised music with additional impromptu performances by the music staff – a great night’s entertainment!

Thursday morning began with a concert at Kingscote Campus in their fantastic new Music Centre. We enjoyed listening to their students as well as performing. Sightseeing for the afternoon included Admiral’s Arch and Remarkable Rocks before returning to Kingscote for the evening performance. The local community provided a BBQ tea before the Jazz Night which was a huge success.

Friday morning was the last concert for the tour at Penneshaw Campus which was the smallest school on the island. Then it was back on the ferry for the trip home arriving at 5pm. The tour was a great success and thoroughly appreciated by the staff, students and community on Kangaroo Island.

Music Events & Concerts
Please note that times given are the CONCERT times. Students will need to arrive 30-60 mins prior. Please check notes for more information.

This calendar is subject to change. Visit or download this calendar (Google Calendar) online: http://goo.gl/Qb7JGD

TERM 1
Sat 7 Feb
SIMC photo shoot

Tues 10 Feb
9.00 SACE Merit Ceremony
Government House, Adelaide
Flute Ensemble

Tues 10 Mar
Concert Practice Lesson 4 & 5
Year 8 Elective Music The Stables
Concert Practice Lesson 6 & 7
Year 10 Elective Music The Stables

Thur 12 Mar
Concert Practice Lesson 1 & 2
Year 9 Elective Music The Stables

Fri 13 Mar
10:00 The Idea of North Workshop
The Stables
Swing Tones & Pops Vocal

Mon 16 Mar
Musicianship Summative exam Lesson 3
Year 11

Mon 23 Mar
12.00 CHORAL CONCERT for Primary Schools
The Forge
Selected Choirs
19:00 Choral concert
Pilgrim Church, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide
Co-curricular choirs and Senior Choir

TERM 2
Tues 24 - 26 Mar (TBC)
19.00 - 22.00 PROMS rehearsal
Concert Choir

Wed 25 Mar
Open Day
Selected ensembles

Fri 27 - Sat 28 Mar
19:00 - 22:00 PROMS rehearsal and concert
Concert Choir

Thur 9 - 12 Apr
ChoralFest Tour to Melbourne
Concert Choir

TERM 2
Tues 28 Apr
18.00 Jazz Cabaret Setup
Latvian Hall, Wayville
Parents and staff

Wed 29 Apr
19.00 - 22.00 Jazz Cabaret
Latvian Hall, Wayville
Big Bands I, II and III, Combos, Swing Tones and Pops Vocal

Thur 30 Apr
13.00 Queensland Big Band Workshop
Big Bands

Fri 1 - Sun 3 May
GENERATIONS IN JAZZ
Mount Gambier
Big Bands I, II and III, Swing Tones and Pops Vocal
AUSTRALIAN INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

At the end of Term 3 2014 two students, Sosuke Mukai and Jenny Hu participated in the AIMO. This is an invitation-only event, and students are competing against the very best Maths students age division in Australia.

There are ten questions during a 4-hour examination.

Sosuke did extremely well to gain a Credit result which means he placed in the top 150 students out of 336 who sat.

Jenny scored only one point less in the Year 9 division and just missed out on a Credit.

We congratulate both these students who have been excellent ambassadors for Marryatville High School.

David Goodwin
2014 Maths Coordinator

WELCOME YEAR 8 STUDENTS

On behalf of the staff at Marryatville High School, we would like to welcome our new Year 8 cohort to the school. It is great to see over 250 students settling into high school life.

The students participated in a Mini Olympics as part of their induction program. It was a great event and there seems to be some strong competition amongst the home groups. Other Year 8 events for the term include Splash Carnival, Grandparents’ Day and a visit to Woodhouse. We look forward to working with you all this year. Best wishes

Kerry Friedrichs, Year 8 Senior Leader
Rachel Lee, Year 8 Manager
WORK EXPERIENCE 2015

The Work Experience program is the option available to Year 10 students not attending the Snow Tour during Week 3 of Term 3 (Monday to Friday 3rd – 7th August).

Students selecting this program will participate in a 35-hour work experience in a business, industry or voluntary work of their choice. Please note: work experience is unpaid.

There will be an opportunity for students to evaluate and reflect on their personal development in a work context and its subsequent impact on their Personal Learning Plan. Task 3: Work and Employment Skills Evaluation.

Students are required to find their own placement. The school is able to assist but does not have placements which are allocated to students. It is not recommended that students complete the work experience placement with parents or family, but parent assistance in finding a suitable placement for their child is requested.

In agreeing to be part of the program students will be required to:

• Attend a 5 hour induction program at school. This includes satisfactory completion of mandatory training and assessment in Work Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity legislation and Child Protection Act (DECS Workplace Guidelines, 2004).

• Complete and return a Work Agreement form prior to placement. The form is a legally binding agreement between the student and the employer and it is essential that all information is read and understood with signatures entered where appropriate.

• Complete a work experience journal, which reflects their experience and demonstrates an understanding of work.

• Contact the supervisor just prior to work experience and be aware of employer expectation and requirements.

Students planning to complete work experience in a child care or preschool centre require DCSI child-related employment screening. Applications for the screening must be completed by the end of Term 1 as the DCSI screening request can take from 8 – 16 weeks to be processed. Please note Primary School Work Placements will not require a Criminal History Screening. There is no cost to parents and a current application form can be collected from Mrs Hudson.

Please refer to the attached information guide to workplace learning. For further enquiries contact Laura Hudson during school hours on 8304 8420 or at laura.hudson700@schools.sa.edu.au

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAM

Year 10 – 12 students enrolled in VET and external courses commenced their learning programs in the week beginning 9th February.

VET courses contribute to the students’ SACE completion and provide them with the opportunity to participate in a range of experiences that support life beyond school, enabling them to make a successful transition.

Students participating in VET courses have a responsibility to:

• Sign out at Student Services before attending VET course
• Attend school and training as negotiated, arrive punctually and take only the allocated break times
• If unable to attend let the trainer and VET Coordinator know by phoning before school on that day
• Wear full school uniform and be prepared with any safety clothing as required by the trainer
• Comply with WH&S relevant to the work and training program
• Consistently meet all assessment deadlines unless prior negotiation has occurred with the teacher
• Use study time at school, work and home productively to underpin success
• Regularly discuss progress with subject teachers and VET trainers
• Notify both the school and trainer of any absence from the training program
• Satisfactorily complete all formative and summative assessment tasks and seek assistance if faced with difficulties. Actively seek help and counselling when necessary
• Report VET training results to the VET Coordinator at school to utilise results towards SACE

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• Follow all rules and expectation of the school
• Agree to the Student Behaviour Contract for study time and library use
• Payment of tuition and equipment fees have been discussed and agreed by all parties

For further enquiries please contact Laura Hudson during school hours on 8304 8420 or email laura.hudson700@schools.sa.edu.au

Laura Hudson
Coordinator Counsellor - Pathways
Parents & Friends

AGM 2015 – MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY, 7PM EDEN PARK CAMPUS
The P&F AGM will be held at Eden Park Campus on Monday 16 February at 7pm at Eden Park. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we would love to see parents with new students at the school.

The format of the meeting is quite relaxed and we would love to see some new faces. If you would like some more information or to RSVP please email: mhsparentsandfriends@outlook.com

MHS YEAR 8 BARBECUE – THURSDAY 12TH FEB
The P&F will be busy “sizzling sausages” at the Year 8 Barbecue and we would be keen for a few extra pair of hands to help us with the task.

So if you fancy yourself as a bit of a wiz on the barbecue, or are just happy to serve/help out please contact us on our email address (above). See you on the night.

JOIN THE P&F!!!
Many of our committee members have children in senior years at Marryatville High School which means they won’t be around for much longer!

So we are on the hunt for new members – particularly parents and friends of Year 8 and Year 9 students. We are a friendly group and we meet every six weeks or so at the Kensington Hotel. We organise fundraising events, support school projects and help to foster a sense of community in the school. It’s a great way to meet other parents and do something positive for your child’s school.

Please come along to the AGM.

MAILING LIST:
If you would like to be included in our mailing list, please send your details to our email address: mhsparentsandfriends@outlook.com

KEEP CALM AND JOIN THE MARRYATVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP
Marryatville High School
Parents & Friends invite all parents and caregivers to come and make a difference to our school community.

Come along to our next meeting or email us mhsparentsandfriends@outlook.com
DIARY DATES

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

**Phone** 8304 8420

**Press**
1 for Reception, 2 for Student Services, 3 for Finance, 4 for Music, 5 for Business Manager

**Direct Lines**
- Student Services 8304 8426
- Gymnasium 8304 8437
- Music Centre 8304 8431
- Student Counsellors:
  - Christopher Leech 8304 8428
  - Jenny Hunter 8304 8482

**Contact Details 2015**
- Year 8 Manager Rachel Lee
- Year 9 Manager Bryce Woodley
- Year 10 Manager Manuel Pontikinas
- Year 11 Manager Maya Brookes
- Year 12 Manager Geof Bailey
- International Education Sarah Goldfain
- Career & Transition Laura Hudson
- Co Curricular Tony Byles

**ABSENTEES, LATE ARRIVALS, EARLY LEAVERS**

For all absentees please call Student Services on 8304 8426.

For late arrivals, students need to sign in at Student Services. They are expected to have a note for their home group teacher the next day.

Students who need to leave early need to sign out through Student Services.

Please contact Student Services if you have messages about students arriving late or needing to leave early. (Now located in E Block)