YOUR difference, makes the difference

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- Copy must be forwarded to the coordinator before close of business on the Wednesday prior to publication.
- Public notices (such as bereavements), fliers and advertisements will only be accepted in writing.
- All advertisements must be connected to the school or community activity. No private advertisements will be accepted.

Email copy to: bdickinson@masada.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop hours

(Term only):
Tuesday and Thursday
3.00pm to 4.15pm
Telephone: 9988 4001

Past Students: Please consider donating your child’s blazer to the uniform shop if you have no further use for it.

Thank you

Date | Event
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Sun 5 Feb | Combined Preschool Welcome BBQ 4.00-6.00pm @ Lindfield
Mon 6 Feb | Senior School Photos
Tue 7 Feb | Junior School Photos
Wed 8 Feb | Yr 7 Camp departs today. Returns Friday 10 February.
Thu 9 Feb | Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Fri 10 Feb | MoL Shabbaton
Mon 13 Feb | Yrs 9/10 Picasso Art / English Excursion
Wed 15 Feb | Yrs 5/6 Parent/Student IT Information Morning 8.00am
Thu 16 Feb | Masada College Yrs 7-12 Parent Evening 7.30—8.30pm
Fri 17 Feb | K Literacy morning at 8.45am
Wed 29 Feb | Staff Development Day — Some senior students will be required to attend on this day and will be notified in the coming week.

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Telephone: 9449 3744
ABN 61 000 544 758
Email: Masada@masada.nsw.edu.au

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Order Form

Total number of cookbooks required: ________ @ $_________ each

Tel: ____________________________________________________________

Family name: ____________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________

Total amount: $___________________________________________________

(please circle) cash / cheque / credit card / direct debit

Cheques payable to: Masada College

Bank: Westpac - account no: 184281 - BSB: 032188

(please type surname as reference)

Credit card number __________ __________ __________ __________

Expiry date ______/______ Visa □ Mastercard □

Orders can be obtained from:
Masada College
Tel: 02 9449 3744
Email: info@masada.nsw.edu.au

A world of recipes sponsored by the insurer that offers a world of protection.
Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Masada College Lindfield to provide families with a warm and welcoming After School Care Service.

We are the nation’s leading provider of quality OSHC Services and have been positively impacting the lives of thousands of children every week for over twenty five years.

How We Make Kids Smile
Firstly, we ensure a safe and caring environment for children to play, form friendships and create positive memories. Then we add a host of varied and fun activities that bring out smiles. Homework and quiet time is also encouraged and supported to ensure children are ready to return home at the end of a busy day.

Afternoon tea follows the Smart Choices food strategy and includes a serving of fresh fruit and vegetables, a selection of sandwiches and dry biscuits or rice crackers with various toppings. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities as an accompaniment to afternoon tea.

All our Services meet National Quality Assurance guidelines and Licensing Regulations. Our qualified staff are trained by our Registered Training Organisation, supported with regular professional development and care about your child’s needs, interests and well being.

Reducing the cost of child care
The Federal Government provides funding to help parents with the cost of child care, through programs such as Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate. Through this assistance, your fees can be reduced by 50% or more. The Child Care Rebate is not means tested and almost all families are eligible.

Enrolling in the Service
Before using our programs you must register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au to begin.

Your enrolment will be confirmed via email and you will receive a link to our Parent Handbook. Accurate completion of the online enrolment form ensures we have important medical and developmental needs information and emergency contact details.

Service Contact Details: As at 1st February 2012

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*Apply the relevant Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate – and fees could be as low as $6.18 per session!

We are excited to be part of your school community and look forward to providing a fun and quality experience for all.

If you have any further queries, please contact our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Burkitt
Customer Service Manager
The uniform shop can’t function without our wonderful volunteers and I would like to thank the following ladies for all their hard work in the holidays:

Simin Adabajou  
Elana Barr  
Ann Chew  
Nadine Joel  
Simone Rutovitz  
Elana Sacks  
Lindy Sandelowsky  
Robin Smith  
Edna Sussman  
Helen Zatz

I would also like to thank Nadine Joel and Izette Felthun who are now retiring as their children have finished school for their many years of work in the shop.

Thank you all for your support.

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Positions Vacant

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Uniform shop volunteer required

The uniform shop needs a helper this year on Tuesdays from 3.00 to 4.15 during term.

Are you available weekly or fortnightly to assist? It’s lots of fun!

Email me on frankela@optusnet.com.au if you are able to help.

Also email me if you are able to help on a less regular basis eg in the holiday opening times or when one of our regulars can’t make it.

UNIFORM ARRIVALS — The new style sport shorts, rep sports tshirt and tracksuit pants have arrived and are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. The tracksuit jackets are not in yet.

Thank you for your support.
Bar Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Asher Katz of Year 8. Asher celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Bo. He participated in a Pre-Bar Mitzvah celebration on Friday 3 February 2012 surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Asher and the Katz family at this special time.

Bar Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Noah Azoulay of Year 7. Noah celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Bo. He participated in a Pre-Bar Mitzvah celebration on Friday 3 February 2012 surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Noah and the Azoulay family at this special time.

Bat Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Alissa Foster. Alissa celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Beshallah Shirah. She participated in a Pre-Batmitzvah celebration on Friday 3 February surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Alissa and the Foster family at this special time.

Bat Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Jenna Berger. Jenna will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Yithro. She will participate in a Pre-Batmitzvah celebration on Tuesday 7 February surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Jenna and the Berger family at this special time.

Condolences
On behalf of Masada College we extend our sincere condolences to the Shear family on the passing away of Avril’s (Junior School) father, Les Kawalsky, grandfather to Nicola and Robbie. We wish Chayim Arukim, a long life to Avril, David and family.

Condolences
On behalf of Masada College we extend our sincere condolences to the Forrai family on the passing away of Karen’s (Enrolments) grandfather, Jacob Frydman, (Living Historian) great grandfather to Hannah, Zachary and Zara. We wish Chayim Arukim, a long life to Karen, Guy and family.

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On behalf of Masada College we extend our sincere condolences to the Alix family on the passing away of Rachel’s father and Roland’s father, grandfather to Andrew and Edina. We wish Chayim Arukim, a long life to Rachel, Roland and family.

Births
On behalf of Masada College we wish George Charlton (HSIE Department) our congratulations on the safe arrival of a beautiful grandson, Kieran George.

Births
On behalf of Masada College we wish Yvonne Nicholls (Business Manager) our congratulations on the safe arrival of a beautiful grandson, Zaal.

Births
On behalf of Masada College we wish Sandi Provencher (Design and Tech Department) our congratulations on the safe arrival of a beautiful granddaughter, Indiana Grace.

Congratulations
Australia Day 2012 Honour List Awards — Mazeltov to Professor Garry Walter AM who has been recognised For his service to medicine in the field of adolescent mental health, to medical education, and as a contributor to professional publications. The Honours list provides national and formal recognition for Australians across the nation who have made a significant difference to their communities none could be more worthy of this recognition.

Farewells
Karen Pisk (Masada College Careers Advisor) joined us in Israel for our tour of the Hebrew University. Karen, who has just flown back from Israel, has given us notice that she has made a very big decision to make aliyah and will be moving to Israel in March. A very special thank you to Karen for her years of service to the College, to its students past and present, and to wish her every success and happiness in her chosen path.
Welcome to the 2012 academic year, where **YOUR difference, makes the difference**. We extend a special welcome to our 109 new students and their families and to our new members of staff. In our Junior School we are delighted to welcome as Preschool to Year 2 coordinator Hebrew/Jewish Studies, Mrs Naomi Heilpern and Art teacher, Mrs Meredith Buining. In the Senior School we welcome Rabbi Evan Widmonte to our Jewish Life department, Danielle Zager to our Hebrew Department as our Ulpan Or mentor and welcome back both Mrs Lisa Cohen, Mrs Megan Rosettenstein, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Reinhardt.

Over the holiday break I had the wonderful opportunity of visiting Israel on tour with 17 other members of the association of Principals of Jewish Day Schools of Australasia. Joining the tour were fellow Masadians, Mr Cook and Mrs Chaplin, and sharing this very special land with them added a very memorable dimension to the 10 day tour. Perhaps our most meaningful day was being together on top of Masada, following on from a swim in the Dead Sea. For me the trip also reinforced the outstanding work being done by so many in Israel, in their universities, in their absorption centres and in the schools which they have established to care for children from broken or dysfunctional homes. We also visited a settlement at Shomriya where many of the families evacuated from Gush Latif have resettled and the strength and faith of these people was also inspirational. A half day spent with a JNF representative reinforced Israel's innovation and also the significant contribution made by Australians and the Diaspora which supports this progress.

It is a reminder of the significance of teaching our children Israel's language, history, culture, strengths, achievements and challenges and most importantly, where possible to visit it, to have a hands on experience. It is so pleasing to know that so many of our Yr12 graduates choose to have an Israel experience post school. We had the pleasure of bumping into some ex Masadians in the streets of Jerusalem which further reinforced the links between Israel and Masada College.

We look forward to offering our students many opportunities both in and out of the classroom this year. A Masada education is a great investment and to maximise the experience students and parents should become involved in as many aspects of the College as possible. Our website, which is regularly updated, provides information and photos of events past and future, the Shofar, provides important details regarding upcoming events, along with our yearly blue planner and month by month version, which can be found in the parent section of the website under [http://www.masada.nsw.edu.au/parents](http://www.masada.nsw.edu.au/parents) Click on the ‘Parent Correspondence’ icon to login.

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**Message from the Rabbi**

This week’s parasha contains the great story of the Splitting of the Sea. After the triumphant Exodus last week the Jewish People find themselves at the shore of the Red Sea. The Egyptian Army chases after them and a miracle happens with the Sea parting and the Jewish People crossing the sea on dry land. The Rabbis offer a striking interpretation to these events. According to the Rabbis in the Midrash, the Sea split into 12 paths; one path for each tribe to travel through. The reason is that each tribe would have, based on their tribal teachings, experienced the event in a different way. Each one thus required their own path through the waters.

The Midrash highlights a key component of the message of Masada College 2012 **YOUR difference, makes the difference**. The need to celebrate the differences within our community and school the need to acknowledge that others, although sharing the journey, will experience it differently. God in His wisdom plotted 12 different paths through the Sea so that each tribe could enjoy the full experience through their own eyes. It is this ability to allow each child to grow and experience all that the College has to offer, in their own way, that is so special and a core value which we hope to achieve. The dignity of difference is to be celebrated for through it we all grow.

Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful year.

Rabbi Lewin

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Wendy Barel
College Principal
Head of Senior School
Junior School

MASADA COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

DAILY CAR PARK ROUTINE

Please note that these parking regulations are aimed at facilitating children’s safe arrival at and collection from school. Your cooperation in adhering to them is greatly appreciated.

MORNING ROUTINE - MONDAY TO FRIDAY:
VSH PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR SIX

- TO DROP OFF YOUR CHILD, please DRIVE SLOWLY down THE RIGHT-HAND LANE, permit your passengers to leave the vehicle and proceed carefully toward the exit.
- The right hand lane is a “KISS AND DROP” ONLY AREA until 8.45am
- If you wish to leave your car to come into the school, parking is permitted down the LEFT-HAND-SIDE (by the fence) of the Car Park.
- You may park and leave your car in the right hand lane ONLY AFTER 8.45am
- NO DRIVER IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE THEIR VEHICLE in the centre lane

AFTERNOON ROUTINE – MONDAY TO FRIDAY

- The guards will allow access to the school from Treatts Road from 3.30pm only
- Parents must remain in cars until the lollipop sign changes from SLOW to STOP.
- Wait patiently for the lollipop sign to change from STOP to SLOW.
- DO NOT pick up your children until your car has completely passed the yellow line across the driveway (ZONE PICK-UP AREA).
- Children may only enter a car in the zone area – NOT IN FRONT OR BEHIND ZONES.
- Preschool students who are being signed out and collected from the classroom will need to enter the zones area prior to 3.15pm and exit before 3.30pm

The safety of the children is our number one concern, therefore I would ask that everyone is especially considerate and careful when observing others around them.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE VEHICLES PERMITTED TO EXIT THE MASADA CAR PARK INTO TREATTS ROAD - this includes vehicles angle-parked in the top area. If you have brought your vehicle into the Car Park you MUST EXIT DOWN THE CAR PARK to the Pacific Highway. If YOU DO NOT wish to exit in this way WE MUST INSIST (for your own safety and that of our students) that you PARK in Treatts Road or nearby.

Note: All other parking areas, particularly on the right side below the Masada display sign and outside the Admin Office are reserved exclusively for school staff. Please do not use these areas as you are likely to be blocked in.

The Security Guards are employed to oversee our campus and Car Park. In this capacity and as a procedure of security, all vehicles entering our Car Park, MUST DISPLAY A MASADA STICKER (available from the Admin Office). The Security Guards have authority to prevent entry to our Car Park.

We thank you for your continued cooperation to ensure the safe and trouble-free transport of your child to and from school.
PRIMARY SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Primary School sausage sizzles for this year will be held on the following dates:

Term 1- Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} March
Term 2- Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} June
Term 3- Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} August
Term 4- Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} November

Franklins is once again sponsoring the event and we thank them for their generous support. The package will consist of a barbecued sausage on a roll, a drink and a small packet of chips or pretzels— all for $6.00

\textbf{PRESCHOOLERS} – will only be given a sausage in a roll and the cost is $2, please make sure you hand your orders into your preschool teacher on or before the last date for orders below.

Orders should be handed to class teachers by Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February.

\textbf{PLEASE NOTE:}

- The chips we plan to be serving at the sausage sizzles will either be a small packet of Simba Salt & Vinegar chips OR Frittos BBQ flavoured chips. Small packets of pretzels can also be ordered.

- There are times however where these items may not be available. In case of this another flavour will be substituted.

This year we are asking everyone to please fill in their orders and pay for all 4 terms at the beginning of the year, to make it easier on the organizers.

Please print and fill out the following forms for each of your children.

Please place the form and the correct amount of money in an envelope and hand in to your teachers by Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February.
“YOUR difference, makes the difference” is our Masada College slogan for 2012. This theme will reverberate through our Educational Journey for all students Preschool – Year 12 in every facet of their education this year.

The challenge for our community is to encourage our students and each other to make the most of who we are and what we have to offer and take every opportunity available to make a difference for ourselves and others.

During the holidays I was fortunate to spend time in Israel with Mrs Barel and Mr Cook – this experience alone has made a difference to my outlook, my amazement at what individuals and organisation can accomplish when they decide to make a difference for the good of others! I could write pages and show hundreds of pictures but inevitably it would be difficult to express the excitement of climbing Masada, floating in the Dead Sea, wandering through the tunnels, exploring the Old City of Jerusalem and hearing, seeing and understanding the living history of Israel. What the trip gives to me and in turn gives to Masada will be a greater understanding of the importance of our connection to Israel and how valuable a Masada Education that builds on this background is for our children.

2012 began with our “Orientation to 2012” three days for our students to explore the expectations of their new grade, new teacher and reflect on the Seven Habits, Our thinking program and how it all fits together for them in their learning journey. The three days gave the teachers time to truly develop a good relationship with the class as individuals and for all our students to feel safe, happy and secure in their learning.

Masada College Junior School is fortunate to offer a staff of highly experienced teachers who share a passion for learning and teaching. Their roles for 2012 are as follows:

**Junior school Executive**
- Head of Junior School: Mrs Michelle Chaplin
- Curriculum Coordinator: Mr John Fancourt
- Early learning Coordinator: Mrs Carol Nagel
- 3-6 Coordinator Hebrew / Jewish Studies: Mrs Carni Goldberg
- P-2 Coordinator Hebrew / Jewish Studies: Mrs Naomi Heilpern

**Specialists**
- Art Teacher: Mrs Meredith Buining
- Music Teacher: Mrs Sheli Wallach
- Library Teacher: Mrs Jane McLeod
- PDHPE Teacher: Mr Tim Fischer
- Learning Support Teacher: Mrs Ingrid Ross and Mrs Gail Kirby
- Gifted & Talented Teacher: Mrs Jenny Gordon
- ICT Integrator: Mrs Clare Greenup
- School Councillor: Mr Barry Zworestine

**Preschool Teachers**
- Mrs Carol Nagel
- Mrs Glynnis de Klerk
- Mrs Jill Anderson
- Morah Belinda Levy
- Morah Naomi Heilpern

**Pre School Assistants**
- Mrs Lindsay Gordon
- Mrs Daniella Levy
- Mrs Louise Shultz
- Mrs Ofira Walker
- Mrs Andrea Bernard
- Mrs Lorraine Nogueira
- Mrs Donna Johnson
- Mrs Elana Barr
- Mrs Sharon Friedman
Junior School

Junior School Teachers
Kindergarten  Mrs Sally King, Morah Michelle Freedman
Year One  Mrs Debbie Hardick, Mrs Roula Dimitriadis, Morah Naomi, Morah Shear
Year Two  Mrs Jan Stuart, Morah Cohen
Year Three  Mrs Nikki Grauman, Mrs Jenny Gordon, Morah Shear, Morah Carni
Year Four  Miss Sara Goulborn, Morah Cohen
Year Five  Mr John Fancourt, Morah Carni, Morah Belinda
Year Six  Mrs Clare Greenup, Mrs Renee Gazzard, Morah Belinda, Morah Cohen, Morah Carni

Masada College is not just a school but a way of life and I encourage all parents to be active members of our community. Be aware of events and happenings from those that are significant to your child to those that are whole school celebrations. I invite all parents to be a partner in your child’s education in as many aspects as possible from general awareness of topics, themes and content, within the classroom, sporting activities and homework to the functions and “big events”.

Term One Topics
K  This is me
Year One  Australian Animals
Year Two  Working in Groups / Communities
Year Three  Feathers, Furs or Leaves
Year Four  Space
Year Five  Gold
Year Six  Democracy in the Australian context

Sport in Term One
Swimming  Sunday 9am – 11am, Lane Cove Pool
Tennis 3-6  Tuesday 4.15pm – 5.15pm Senior school
Soccer Clinic K-6  Tuesday 4.15 – 5.15pm
PSSA, 3-6  Cricket, Modball, Touch Football
Year Two Boys Games afternoon, Tuesday, 3.30 – 4.30pm, Junior school

Lunch Time Fun  be sure to encourage your child to join in!
Glee Club  5/6
Board Games  K-4
K-2 Dance and Drama  K-2 girls
Knitting  2-6
Book Club
Choir
Ensembles Galore
Tuesday  Hebrew speaking lunchtime

From the Library
Welcome back to a new year! For those of you who have not seen our revamped library make sure you come in and have a browse. It looks beautiful and so very neat!

This year is the “International Year of Reading” so there will be a lot of focus on developing and continuing the love of reading in library lessons this year. If you could remind your child to remember their library bags, particularly when the weather is as bleak as it is. Library bags really do help preserve the life of the books. I was pleased to hear that the majority of our students read a lot over the holidays so we are off to a great start.

The library was fortunate enough to be the recipient of the shortlisted books nominated by the Speech Pathologists of Australia. I would particularly like to thank Belinda Neimann and the Speech Pathologists Association for this generous and much appreciated gift to the library.

Keep reading and watch this space for my library news throughout the year!

The first week has been exhausting in the number of achievements that make us proud so soon. The excitement and feeling of adventure is contagious as our students realise the expectations of their new grade, the wonder of their new learning and the changes to their routines from last year.
Junior School

Reminders

Parent teacher evening  No Children
Monday February 13  6.30pm  Junior School in the Shul
Dads –remember your Kippot

Hear all about 2012 at Masada College, meet your child’s teacher, see the classroom and get a sense of life for your Child Monday to Friday!

In conclusion, 2012 looks to be an amazing year at Masada College. A year where I know our students will continue to achieve their own personal goals and strive to be the best that they can be.

I look forward to continuing our growth as a strong Modern Jewish Day School that opens the eyes, ears and hearts of our students to a values education and being individuals who make a difference to their world.

Shabbat shalom

Michelle Chaplin
Head of Junior School

Visit to the kotel

Masada
Atop Masada
Department Reports — Senior School

Sport
Changes to Hills Zone Sport

Hills Zone sport has been changed from three trimesters to two semesters. This means that there is no on going comps for sport in Term 1 (for this year only). Winter sport starts in Term 2 and continues into Term 3. Summer sports will begin in Term 4 then continue Term 1 next year. They chose to do this to extend the competitions and to ensure all games get played, as many are lost to wet weather.

This term we are still finishing a Senior Cricket competition and may have some students play in the Warringah Basketball competition. Hills Zone have also introduced more championship or gala days for the some sports. This term there will be a championship tennis day

Susie Virgona
Sports Coordinator

Careers—Yrs 10 to 12 only

Thought for the week:
“You are what you are today, because of the decisions and choices YOU made yesterday.”

Students, this statement will echo in your head when you head off to find employment and hopefully it won’t be with regret that you didn’t make the most of your wonderful opportunities at Masada College.

Welcome back to all students and I hope that after a long summer break everyone is ready to give their best both in the classrooms, the playing fields, the recital rooms and on the stage.

More and more, workers are expected to have a multitude of talents and experience and Masada offers a very wide range to you all.

Communication skills are paramount in all jobs and I urge you to get involved in activities where you develop and improve these abilities. To leave school never having been in a school play or choir or debating team is a great pity – give things a try and see what hidden talents you have. Through this you also meet students from other forms and friendship groups – this can be the beginning of networking which is yet another life skill.

Rostrum Voice of Youth – I have left application forms for the Senior Division (over 15) for this highly valued public speaking competition. It involves preparing an eight minute speech.

Public speaking develops the self-confidence, communication skills, and expressive language qualities that are so so vital in today’s world. Closing dates for Masada students is 21st February.

Time spent by students on ‘MySpace’ and ‘Facebook’ is increasing each year – nothing will do more to keep a young person from success in their lives than endless hours on these websites! Another wonderful time waster is planning and day dreaming about ‘Schoolies Week’. Remember that, as a student, you have choices and decisions and self discipline and good sense need to be your goal. I hope you took on board everything that was conveyed by Mr Brooks, and your Mission Statements are ready for us to actualize together.

To all Year 10-12 students
I would very much like to have had an interview with each of you along with a parent before the end of Term One so that I am aware of your special interests for the future. Please come during the next week together with your Diary to the Careers Room, or make an appointment with Mrs Greaves at the front office and let us fix a time or email me at kpisk@hotmail.com. I am only at the College on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 3pm.
Department Reports — Senior School

Careers — Yrs 10 to 12 only

Topics for discussion at a Careers interview

- Bonus point schemes for university
- Options resulting from particular subject selections
- How the subject choices relate to extra-curricula activities
- Applications for medicine, dentistry, and other courses with special requirements
- The HSC system and ATAR
- Scaling and ranking
- How to access the careers newsletter
- How you can support your child over the next few years
- Organising a set of goals and a strategy and post-school options
- TVET courses
- The compulsory Year 10 work experience, and other work experience placements throughout Year 10-12
- Studying Software Design or Industrial Technology (Multimedia) or other HSC subjects.
- Writing a resume and an application for Scholarship applications

Organised people get ahead in life – start taking responsibility for your future now. Also remember major events happen only one a year so it is really important that you are aware of what you wish/need to attend to gain the information about your future options. Careers Newsletters can be found as a link to the Shofar or on the school web-site.

TAX FILE NUMBER (TFN): It is a good idea for all students to apply for a tax file number from my office before leaving school so that you have it in readiness for university and deferring your tertiary studies.

Any other students who are looking for a part-time job are also welcome to apply. Remember the Tax Office will allocate you a number which is yours for life and unique to you and is an essential part of interacting with the tax system. Without it you will have tax taken out of your wages at a higher rate than you may otherwise have to pay.

It is most beneficial for students to have had some Work Experience before leaving school and preferably before Year 12 when the pressure and work load is at its heaviest. Remember that the retail sector is always a good place to look for work. Try supermarkets, surf shops, sporting goods, clothing stores. Make sure that you contact many places – don’t just knock on one door and leave it at that. You may miss a good opportunity. Also consider hospitality jobs (McDonalds is very highly valued by scholarship selection boards and employers) food shops and sports centres, Horticultural centres and lawn-mowing businesses are also worth a try. Check the Yellow Pages. Build a list of prospective employers, write a letter introducing yourself and stating when you are available.

DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS: These are great opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students intending to pursue an ADF technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects. Year 11 recipients will receive $2,000 paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive $3,000 paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after completing school, applicants will be required to state why they are interested in an AADF technical career trade as part of the selection process.. For more information see www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/dts

I look forward to seeing you in the next month and assisting in making it a successful, and productive year.

Best wishes
Karen Pisk
kpisk@staff.masada.nsw.edu.au
Communicating with Teens Course

- influence your teenager’s behaviour
- understand the stages of development of teenagers
- feel more comfortable with your teenager’s highs and lows
- keep lines of communication open between you and your teenager
- cope with your own and your teenager’s anger in a constructive way
- learn how to get your point across and also listen to your teenager’s point of view
- learn how to resolve “issues” between your teenager and yourself and still keep the relationship intact
- …… plus more ideas on how to build relationships - what works and what doesn’t work!

COURSE VENUE: CHATSWOOD  5wks/2.5hrs
When: Wednesday, 7th March, 2012  (7.00pm - 9.30pm)
COST: $150 per person  Concession: $125 per person

Dealing With Teen’s Back Chat Workshop
VENUE: CHATSWOOD
When: Wednesday, 29th February, 2012  - 7.00pm - 9.30pm - $40 per person

Triple P (PPP) Teens Seminar Series
available on request – to organise these or for details of Workshops/Seminars scheduled for this term, phone 9887-5830

TO ENROL, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM
( Teens - Term 1)

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Address: ……………………………………………… Suburb: ………………………………………………… Postcode: ………………………
Phone: (h)………………………… (w)………………………… □ M □ F (Please tick) Ages of children: ……………………………
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Age 1-3yrs
(1) Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
(2) Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
(3) Speech & Language Development/Sleep

Term 1: Mon 7:30-8:30pm 11/3(1), 18/3(2), 25/3(3) Chatswood
Wed 7:30-8:30pm 14/3(3)

Term 2: Mon 7:30-8:30pm 11/4(1), 18/4(2), 25/4(3) Chatswood

Tuning in to Kids
5 wks (2.5hrs) $150pp ($125 concession) Age 3-10yrs
Content: Help your child develop emotional intelligence, learn how to talk with & understand your child, help them manage emotions, prevent behaviour problems & teach them to deal with conflict.

Term 1: Mon 7:30-8:30pm 1/4, 8/4, 15/4 Chatswood
Tue 7:30-8:30pm 22/4, 29/4

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
7 wks (2.5hrs) $250pp ($200 concession) Age 3-8yrs
4 group sessions of 2.5 hrs, 2 phone consultations over 3 wks, & a final session in wk 8
Content: A behaviour management program including clear strategies on how to encourage desirable behaviour & manage persistent misbehaviour.

Term 1: Mon 7:30-8:30pm 15/3-7/4 Chatswood
Wed 7:30-8:30pm 14/4-6/5

Term 2: Mon 7:30-8:30pm 9/5-2/6 Chatswood

Communicating with Kids
6 wks (2.5hrs) $180pp ($154 concession) Age 4-12yrs
Content: Communication skills for building positive relationships, problem ownership, listening skills, assertiveness skills, problem solving, sibling rivalry & establishing family values. (Based on PERT)

Term 1: Tue 7:30-8:30pm 2/4-23/4 Chatswood
 Thur 7:30-8:30pm 15/5-28/5

Term 2: Tue 7:30-8:30pm 1/6-26/6 Chatswood

Resilient Kids Workshop
2.5hrs $40pp
Content: Help your child recognise, accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking, coping skills & problem solving, deal with negative emotions.

Term 1: Mon 7:00-8:30pm 22/2 Chatswood
Term 2: Thu 7:00-8:30pm 13/3 Chatswood

FOR TEENS

Communicating with Teens
5 wks (2.5hrs) $150pp ($125 concession) Age 12yrs+
Content: Help your child communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other & build a positive relationship, understanding teenagers today, problem ownership, listening skills, assertiveness skills, problem solving, peer group pressure & self-esteem issues.

Term 1: Mon 7:00-8:30pm 7/4-4/5 Chatswood
Term 2: Tues 7:00-8:30pm 29/5-26/6 Chatswood

Dealing With Teen's Backchat Workshop
2.5 hours $40 per person
Content: Are you struggling with a teenager who answers back all the time? Learn how to reproduce a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenagers, understand what it is like being a teenager today, learn how to talk so that they will listen & how to listen so that they will talk to you.

Term 1: Mon 7:00-8:30pm 20/2 Chatswood
Term 2: Tue 7:00-8:30pm 22/6 Chatswood

Triple P (PPP) Seminars (2hrs) $420ea
Organised through schools, centres & councils
Positive ways to promote children/teens development
1-12yrs
Seminar 1: Power of positive parenting
Seminar 2: Raising confident, competent children
Seminar 3: Raising resilient children

TEENS:
Seminar 1: Raising responsible teenagers
Seminar 2: Raising responsible teenagers
Seminar 3: Getting teenagers connected

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ORGANISED THROUGH SCHOOLS, CENTRES & COUNCILS
Community rate $420 group booking (25 people) $50pp over 25.
Corporate rate $500 group booking (25 people) $60pp over 25.
To organise a workshop/seminar, call for details of workshops/schedules, phone 9987 8030.

Toddler Workshops
2.5 hours
1. Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
2. Tucker Without Tantrums/Toilet Training
3. Speech & Language Development/Sleep

Older Sibling - New Baby
2.5 hours
Content: Understanding your older child’s feelings, development & reactions; strategies to help juggle 2 children & manage the older child’s behaviour.

Transition to School
2.5 hours
Content: The emotional transition from home to school, effective communication & listening skills, how to say "no" assertively, problem solving skills & how parents can look after themselves.

Bully Busting and Cyber Bullying for Parents
2.5 hours
Content: Help your child recognise, accept & express feelings, developing optimistic thinking, coping skills & problem solving, dealing with negative emotions & stressful events.

Transition to High School
2.5 hours
Content: Learn practical tips to make the transition smoother, understand the changes ahead, build self-esteem, use communication skills & how parents can look after themselves.

Dealing with Backchat
2.5 hours
Content: Help your child recognise, accept & express feelings, developing optimistic thinking, coping skills & problem solving, dealing with negative emotions & stressful events.

College Counsellor
Health Psychology Unit

Managing HSC Stress Program

The Higher School Certificate can be stressful for many students. However there are things that you can do to get through Years 11 and 12 with less stress and reduce the impact that stress has on your academic performance.

The UTS Health Psychology Unit has been running Managing HSC Stress programs for many years now and is pleased to be able to offer this program again in Term 1 2012.

The Managing HSC Stress program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

When? Tuesday afternoon
14th February, 21st February, 28th February, 6th March

Time? 4 – 5.30pm
Afternoon tea will be provided.

Where? Health Psychology Unit
Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway
Greenwich
The Health Psychology Unit is a 5-10 minute walk from St Leonards train station. Buses 252 and 290 stop right out the front. Metered & time-limited street parking is available in surrounding streets.

Cost? $90.00 ($22.50 per session)
Private Health Insurance or Medicare rebates may apply.

Register? Registration is essential as numbers are limited.
To register call 9514 4077 or email Health.Psychology@uts.edu.au
Music Glorious Music!

Musical lovers have a lot to celebrate, with the announcement that Packemin Productions will be staging the West End and Broadway favourite OLIVER! at Parramatta Riverside Theatres in February 2012.

With over 70 children in the cast, including Masada College’s own Matthew Gray, OLIVER! will delight adults and children alike. A perfect Christmas present for someone or an opportunity to spoil yourself, tickets are available for purchase now from the Riverside Box Office.

After the massive success of their 2011 production of JOSEPH AND THE TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, Packemin productions and Director Neil Gooding are excited to be bringing another much loved musical to the Parramatta stage.

OLIVER!, writer and composer Lionel Bart’s most successful musical, is based on the famous Charles Dickens novel Oliver Twist. Oliver is a nine year old boy living in the squalid conditions of an orphanage but eventually finds himself living on the streets where he meets the Artful Dodger. Oliver’s new friend introduces him to the elderly Fagin who teaches young boys the art of pickpocketing. Oliver also finds a new friend in sweet Nancy and her sister Bet. Wrongly accused of stealing, he is taken in by the wealthy and kindly Mr Brownlow, but Oliver’s new life soon comes under threat by the villainous Bill Sikes.

Alongside seasoned professionals such as Wayne Scott Kermond (Singin’ In The Rain, Guys & Dolls) in the iconic role of Fagin, Todd Keys (Phantom Of The Opera, Dr Zhivago) as Bill Sikes and Katie McKee (My Fair Lady, Floyd Collins) as Nancy, a cast of over 100 talented performers will bring the stage to life with visually spectacular renditions of classic songs such as Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself and You’ve Got To Pick A Pocket Or Two.

Tickets on sale now - www.riversideparramatta.com.au
OLIVER! will be staged at Parramatta Riverside Theatres 3 - 18 February 2012
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