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- 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

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FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

You and your family are invited to update your family photos.

The professional photographers from Sandpit Photos will photograph your family in a fun and relaxed portrait session. All images are posed outdoors within the beautiful grounds of Wahronga Park (Coonanbarra Rd and Stuart St.). Bring your family, aunts, uncles, dogs ... anyone you want in your photos!

For a $20 sitting fee, you will receive a 15 minute photography session and a free 10”x13” professionally printed photograph of your family portrait.
(all proceeds will go to raise money for our school)

WHEN: Sunday 18th of March and Sunday 25th March from 9.00am to 1.00
(hours can be extended if necessary)

If you have a friend who would also like to take advantage of this offer please let them know.

For a booking time please contact Tara Russell at tararussell97@yahoo.com

Please find the Entry Form for the Yom Ha’atzmaut competition at the end of the Shofar.
After School Care at Masada in 2012

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
School Holiday Workshops at Masada

School Holiday Workshops
3D Computer Animation & Games Design
Fashion Design & Photography
Architecture & Design
Future Maths, Inventions & Games Design
Writing & Illustration
all at Masada College this April!

Bubble Dome is running five exciting school holiday workshops at Masada College this April! For information about courses available at different venues, please see www.bubbledome.com.

3D Computer Animation & Games Design
Dates: Tue 10th – Thu 12th April OR Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 6-13 Years of age (graded activities).
Advanced Option: If you have been before and would like our advanced option please let our office know.
Classes begin at 9am with a finish time of 3.30pm ($279) or 5.30pm ($299).
Use amazing software to learn the techniques behind rigging, key frames, character manipulation and more! Learn how to design and produce your own computer games. Be challenged to invent your own game rules and strategies! All new content for returning students.

Future Maths, Inventions & Games Design
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 8-14 Years of age (graded activities).
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.30pm only ($299).
Develop your skills as a problem-solver, designer and inventor. Take part in unique maths challenges that require you to think outside the square and solve fascinating investigative challenges!
The games design workshops involve students designing their own games with rules, unique levels and winning strategies! This course is new to Bubble Dome and not to be missed!

NEW! Fashion Design & Photography
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 10+ yrs and have attended a Bubble Dome computer course previously OR 10-18yrs. Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.30pm only ($329).
Learn the process of fashion design and wearable arts as you develop your skills in conceptualising new concepts with mood boards, fashion drawings and the use of unique materials. Discover what it takes to be a photographic director as you learn how to take portraits, actions shots, close-ups and still life.

Architecture & Design
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 8-15 years of age.
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.30pm only ($299).
Discover what it takes to create award winning architecture and learn how building designs have changed over time. Learn to make interesting spaces and discover your sense of form, space and colour. Bring to life your designs using exciting 3D software. Learn about the most vivacious cities in the world and then invent and design your own.

NEW! Writing & Illustration
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 8-15 years of age.
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 3.30pm ($279) or 5.30pm ($299).
Use amazing creative tools as you write your own texts complete with original illustrations in a variety of styles. Using incredible software and real drawing techniques, you can create your own professional looking illustrations.

Registration Options
Online Booking: www.bubbledome.com or info@bubbledome.com
Phone Booking: 1800-11-55-62 Office Hrs: 7am – 5pm.
Message from the Rabbi

Over the past few weeks we have read about the command of Hashem to build a Mishkan a physical abode, address for Hashem in this world.

Moshe requests for the building project gold, silver, clothes, workers and Shittim wood. The wood would be used in the construction of the walls as well as for the ark and Shulchan table.

The rabbis ponder where did they get the wood from? They were in the desert, no trees, never mind a specific tree like the Shittim tree.

The rabbis relate that when Yaakov descended to Egypt 210 years before he had instructed the family to plant Shittim trees in Egypt, and when the time to leave came they were to cut down the trees and take them with them. Why? Yaakov never explained to his children. So for 210 years the Jewish people tended the grove of trees. Why because Yaakov had so decreed. And finally the time of the Exodus arrived the Jews once again followed the instruction, carrying the planks of wood with them as they exited Egypt. Not knowing the reason but following the command. Suddenly when Moshe reveals the building requirements for the House of Hashem, the people have their answer. The wood is the basis for building the House of Hashem!

The message of the Midrash is clear. There are things that we do because we have been instructed to do, although we may not know the reason why, that will be revealed in time. When the time is right. Until then we follow the command. There are times parents will instruct a child to do something without revealing the reason. A commanding officer to his troops. There is a reason. But if it is revealed too soon will lead to the wish not being fulfilled and that would be a terrible loss. Had Yaakov revealed the reason for the wood. Would the people have cared for the trees for the duration of the difficult Egypt exile? Who knows. Sometimes we follow because we are asked to. As the Jews themselves declared, Naaseh V Nishma we will do and then we shall seek to understand.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Lewin

Easy Hebrew Torah Insights

Dear Families,

Ulpan-Or Insights on the current weekly Torah portion.

Find previous Weekly Torah Insights at http://www.ulpanor.com/category/weekly-torah-portion/

Announcements

Births
On behalf of all the staff at Masada College we wish Rabbi Paul and Talya Lewin a hearty Mazaltov on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Elad Michael Yosef Lewin.

Condolences
On behalf of Masada College we extend our sincere condolences to the Katz family on the passing away of Lynne’s father, Barney, grandfather to Leanne, Talia and Robyn. We wish Chayim Arukim, a long life to Lynne, Mervyn and family.

Condolences
On behalf of Masada College we extend our sincere condolences to the Walter family on the passing away of Michelle’s mother, Julia Wittal, grandmother to Sophie and Adam, Aunt of Ann Sheinbar and great Aunt of Jessica and Rebecca Sheinbar. We wish Chayim Arukim, a long life to Michelle, Gary and family.
College Principal

How proud we all are at Masada College following all our good news stories this week.

Sunday’s Sydney Morning Herald featured on the front cover of their liftout, our Yr12 2011 HSC student, Talya Aarons, with her Art Express work and the words, *Different Strokes, Schools that Nurture Talent*. Inside there was a feature article highlighting our students’ artistic successes, accompanied by photos of both Talya and Jonty De Klerk. We have always been extremely proud of the successes in our Art Department, where we annually have our students shortlisted for ArtExpress and regularly have them chosen for display. This year three of our 2011 works are on display, including at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Tuesday’s Sydney Morning Herald saw Masada College on the front page with the ranking of fourth in NSW for our NAPLAN results. It was very exciting to see that we are in fact Leading Learning and that the benefits of our educational package are being reflected in our results.

The highlight of the week for Masada staff was our over subscribed conference, *Developing a Culture of Thinking in Schools*, our second such conference. One hundred and eighty delegates from across Australia, as far afield as Western Australia and Queensland and even from New Zealand, joined us for a great day of thinking and learning. Our keynote speaker, Dr Ron Ritchhart from Harvard University’s Project Zero team, set the tone for a great day. Masada College staff ran 10 workshops and impressed the attendees with their enthusiasm and professionalism.

Our students were the talk of the day. To quote:

- The students are a credit to your school. Everyone was so eager to help.
- Students were extremely helpful and polite. Masada staff were also most helpful.
- The students of Masada College who were our guides were outstanding- a credit to the school. Very confident, very polite.
- The students’ greetings, music and demonstration lesson were a highlight.
- The students of your school are a true reflection of your initiatives being employed at Masada. The organisation was excellent as staff and students were extremely professional and well versed on the topic.
- I loved the music and entertainment.

Our Hospitality students provided the most delicious morning tea and assisted with the catering and serving of the lunch. Comments re their amazing contributions included:

- The catering was outstanding.
- Congratulations to the Hospitality students- better than some professional companies
- The best food I have ever had at a conference.
- Can I please eat here again? The Masada students are incredibly impressive. Well done!
- So impressive I want to employ them for my daughter’s bar mitzvah
- We were spoilt. First class!!

General impressions of our school and the day included:

- From driving through the gate till I left I was very impressed with the hosting, staff students and facilities. Thank you for making it such a wonderful experience.
- A very motivating day Brilliant you ALL should be congratulated.
- The conference was brilliant! It would have been good to go to all the sessions- the choice was difficult.

A conference of this magnitude involves huge logistical organisation and I would like to acknowledge the very hard work and overtime put in by Mr Brooks, Mr Cook, Julianne Middleton, Bronwyn Dickinson, Vicki Keys, Jeannette Godlewski, the admin team, Neil Morrison and his team and Mrs Rennie, Caryn Harris and Patty Graham.

Of course a special thank you too to our staff who presented on the day and the great synergy displayed by all.

Shabbat Shalom

Wendy Barel
College Principal
Head of Senior School
Junior School

**PRIMARY SCHOOL SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

The Primary School sausage sizzles for this year will be held on the following dates:
- Term 1- Wednesday 14th March
- Term 2- Wednesday 27th June
- Term 3- Wednesday 8th August
- Term 4- Wednesday 28th 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

**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 17th February.

**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 Fritos 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 17th February.

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**Preschool 2013**

**Offers of enrolment will be commencing soon**

Please contact the Enrolments Office if you have not lodged an application form for three year old or new four year old preschoolers for 2013.

Application date is important.

Don’t miss out; make sure your application is in soon.
Junior School

After School Care is a wonderful afternoon event in the Junior School with the children involved in art and craft, playing board games, building and creating with friends and lots of fun outdoor activities.

Trin, our ASC facilitator is keen to do more fun activities with more students. At the end of the day the children leaving ASC are smiling having enjoyed their time with friends whilst Mum or Dad finish their day at work. ASC can be used regularly, once in a while or as a once off!

All you need to do is register on the Camp Australia Website – www.campaustralia.com.au – and then you can use this facility whenever needed! I encourage all parents to register and make the most of this service! Flyers with more information are available at the Junior School Office.

Kindergarten

The children in Kindergarten have had a great start to the year. In true Masadafashion the new children have been welcomed and included in all our activities both in the classroom and the playground.

The children have settled in to school life with so much confidence and enthusiasm. They are responding positively to the routines and are demonstrating their leadership skills through our daily Sunshine leaders.

The Sunshines are provided with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by taking on specific responsibilities – leader in lining up, taking notes to the office, reading our daily routines and being a role model for their peers.

We look forward to teaching your children throughout the year.

Recently we ran our Literacy morning – some follow up tips!

Reading Aloud: Tips, Hints and Suggestions

- Read aloud every day for at least ten minutes. Make it part of the daily routine and try to make it at the same time. Before bed is okay, but don’t encourage your child to go to sleep when you read.
- Read aloud three or four short stories every day. If your child loves a book read it again and again and again.
- Read all types of stories including picture books, beginning readers and especially those with repetition and rhyme.
- Read with expression, feeling and animation. Make it soft and make it loud, but not too scary. Try using different voices for different characters. Read the story with your face as well as your voice.
- Let them laugh and giggle and sing the words they read. They will want to read just like you.
- Share the reading with your child, maybe page by page or even book by book. Let children play with, touch and handle the book. Let them help you turn the pages and learn how books work.
- Let your child have opportunities to choose a book to read.
- Have lots of stimulating reading materials at home: comics, magazines, newspapers, library books, joke books, non-fiction, poetry and short novels. Place books by the bed, in the bathroom, in the lounge room, in the kitchen, in the car. Sit books all over the house.
- Make reading a family activity – brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles and grandparents can do the reading too. Remember, both mums and dads can read!

Why not start with a Dr Seuss book. It is Dr Seuss Day on the 2nd March. Remember those classics: Green Eggs and Ham and The Cat in the Hat just to name two!
**Junior School**

**ICT**
As part of our ongoing drive to educate towards good online behaviours the Junior School held two digital citizenship talks for year 3 - 6 students and their parents. An early start at 8am - making it a long day for some but extremely worthwhile!

- We discussed the changing aspects of media use both within the students' personal lives and their education.
- We investigated Social networking and examined both the benefits and potential dangers inherent in posting information online.
- We discussed how the Junior School utilises media to enhance teaching and enrich learning.

Finally our new trial of Digital Citizenship Units (differentiated from year 3 - 6) were explained. This is an exciting new initiative which is already generating discussion and self reflection amongst students in terms of their online behaviours and the steps they need to take to be a responsible digital citizen.

**Hebrew/ Jewish Studies**
The Masada Junior School students and staff are very blessed as they have not one but two Rabbis visiting and teaching them on a weekly basis. We thought we would let you know about their visits and lessons in the school.

**Rabbi Lewin**
- Jewish Studies Enrichment Class for years K-2 on Friday mornings before school.
- Jewish Studies Enrichment Class for years 3-6 on Thursday mornings before school.
- Shule service for years 3 to 6 on a Thursday morning.
- Shabbat and Parsha talk for preschool students on the Lindfield campus on a Friday morning.
- Lunch with the Rabbi several times a term to educate all staff on Jewish festivals and Mitzvot.
- Ask the Rabbi Session with year 6 intermittently throughout the year.

**Rabbi Krebbs**
- Parsha of the week talk for years K, 1 and 2 on a Thursday morning.
- Shabbat talk for year K, 1 and 2 on a Friday morning.
- Shabbat and Parsha talk for preschool students at Poppy Cottage on a Friday morning.
- Ask the Rabbi Session with year 6 intermittently throughout the year.

**Purim**
As per the detailed letter emailed to you, Purim will be celebrated at Masada Junior School on **Thursday 8th March**. The children will come to school dressed up as their favourite character from the movies. Preschool and Year K students may choose to dress up as a favourite character from the movies or as characters from the Purim story, princes, princesses or fairies.

Parents are invited to join us between 8.40am and 10.30am in the North Shore Synagogue for a short prayer service, Purim Parade, a reading of an excerpt from the Megillah and our traditional lucky draw for Mishloach Manot.

Reminder: If you have not already done so, please send in $3 in a labelled envelope with your child's name and class to assist them in participating in the Purim Mitzvot (Mishloach Manot and charity to the poor).

Wishing you all a Purim Sameach

Michael Grose is a leading expert on Parent Education – recently he published an article on resilience and parenting that fits very nicely with our goal for 2012 – **YOUR Difference**, makes the difference. I found the article a very interesting read and thought it might help parents to realise what a good job they are doing and give some food for reflection – Love to hear what you think!!
Junior School

Insights by Michael Grose  Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children’s) long-term best interest. If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children’s resilience.

Robber # 1: Fight all their battles for them

Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2: Make their problem, your problem

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3: Give kids too much voice

In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4: Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform, Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them. Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don’t put excessive pressure on them.

Robber # 5: Let kids give in too easily

Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

Robber # 6: Neglect to develop independence

Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

Resilience notion # 6: Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Robber # 7: Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

Resilience notion # 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities. They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life’s curve balls. And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.  www.parentingideas.com.au
### Junior School

#### Students of the Week:

**Week 5:**  
**K-2:** Noah Samuel - 1S  
**Y3-6:** Dean Wolman – 6L

#### Parties / Celebrations / Energy Drinks

A reminder that parties should not be held over Shabbat and should be as inclusive as possible. If you are having a small celebration invitations should not be given out at school. Recently there has been a lot of media attention regarding energy drinks and their distribution at parties – I would strongly advise all parents to ensure this is not the case with our students.

“YOUNG people are overdosing on caffeine-laced energy drinks, suffering palpitations, tremors, chest pain and hallucinations, according to hospital emergency departments. New data from the [NSW Poisons Information Centre](https://www.nswpinc.com.au) shows there were 297 cases of energy drink overdoses in seven years - and numbers are on the rise. From 12 incidents in 2004, there were 65 in 2010. Of the 297, at least 128 had to be hospitalised. Although it is rarely fatal, there was one reported death from energy drinks in 2009.

The [Australian Medical Association](https://www.ama.com.au) is calling for energy drink regulations to be overhauled to prevent further "harmful" health problems. AMA president Steve Hambleton said there was now "hard evidence" that the drinks were harmful and the government needed to do more to regulate the industry. Dr Hambleton said the drinks were marketed to appeal to young people who did not realise the risks. "Quite a number of people end up in the emergency department because of the levels of caffeine that they're consuming and not realising how harmful it is," Dr Hambleton said.

#### Celebrating at Masada Junior School

The cheering continues this week with success after success – Seeing our name on page one in the Sydney Morning Herald as the 4th top primary school is very exciting and whilst we all know that testing is not the be all and end all it is good to see such results shining through. This news, in the same week as the College running the Culture of Thinking Conference for delegates, leads staff to reflect on how we teach the curriculum whilst facilitating learning for our students. The combination of thinking skills, Leader in me habits and solid explicit teaching is clearly a solid mix and gaining positive results.

#### Reminders

**ZONES** – children may only be collected within the Zones area – at present zones runs from 3.30pm – 3.45pm and rarely any longer – please think carefully about the safety of all our children and staff!

**Class Parents** – the role of the class parent is to facilitate events for the parents to meet and support new parents and to aid in communication. They will also be called upon to get together a team to assist with school events that fall under the responsibility of that class. My thanks to the parents who have stepped into this role this year and we look forward to some exciting events.

**Punctuality** – it is vital that the students begin the day on the right note. Students who arrive to school early, take time to chat with a friend and think about the day ahead are better prepared and enjoy their day more. Students are supervised from 8.15 am in the Junior School. Therefore any time from then to 8.35am is a good time to arrive! Not before …. and not too much later!!

**Uniform** – We are encouraging all the students to come to school looking their best ready to do their best!
Junior School

Year 6 Impact Student Leadership Conference
On the 28 February Year 6 went to a Leadership Conference at Homebush. There were many other schools from all around Sydney, and we had the chance to meet other leaders from other schools.

The leaders from the Impact Leadership Team explained many different ways to be a proper leader. One of the activities was the “Amazing Race” and we had to ask leaders from other schools to answer our leadership questions. Another activity we learnt about was about a “Leadership Bus”. It taught us some different ideas on leadership. Some of these ideas were to take opportunities, impact others, be observant, move forward and set goals.

We learnt the funny saying, “Lead like a strawberry not like a watermelon!” This means that to be a good leader you have to be good on both the outside and on the inside, just like a strawberry, instead of leading like a watermelon which is being different on the outside and the inside. We also learnt about having “BERRY GOOD INTEGRITY”. We have to be sure to do the right thing, encourage others to do the right thing, refuse to lie, refuse to follow the crowd and you always have to lead by an example to show others how to do the same thing.

We were given words and we had to write similes about leadership. An example of this is Leadership is like a telephone because the leader needs to connect with others. After that we had to make up our own simile, which was, “Leadership is like a rainbow because every colour adds a new quality.” Finally we were taught a leadership quote: “Leadership is not a right, it is a responsibility”. This whole conference taught us the main qualities to be a great leader and taught us to put them into practice and become the best leaders we can.

By Jaclyn Kruger, Alexa Silber and Sarah Nerwich

Year 6 Canberra
Last week, on Tuesday Morning at half past 6 Year 6 took off for Canberra. We were all excited and full of energy even at that time of the morning. After we all said goodbye to our parents, we were on the bus ready to go. We were jamming and singing songs, having a loud chat and talking about what was to be expected.

3 and a half hours later…………………
We arrived in the ACT, Canberra.

Our first destination was New Parliament House. Looking at it was a treat itself. Inside there was so much amazing European marble architecture it was beautiful. We went into the Senate, House of Representatives and Parliament Education Office. After that great experience we headed to the Australian War Memorial and had a tour around this great place. Some of us were lucky enough to put poppies on the unknown dead soldier buried in the war memorial. Finally we got to the part we were all waiting for, THE DISCOVERY ZONE!!! We went on in a helicopter, submarine and many other activities. After we all had a turn in the discovery zone. We watched the closing ceremony which included a man playing the bag pipes, someone said a few words and then we left.

It was 5:00 pm and everyone was shattered. We had been on the go since 6:00 am. We finally got to our cabins and settled down. Once we were settled we helped carry stuff to the dining room, where we had dinner. As soon as we finished dinner we had birthday cake and were off to the amazing AIS.

We enjoyed a quick tour of the amazing, state of the art facilities, we saw the brilliant gymnasium, a huge arena and a swimming pool. We then went straight to what everyone was looking forward to SPORTEX. To explain Sportex in short, it is sport heaven. It is full of sport technology simulations with all the sports you can think of including luge, canoeing and wheel chair basketball. After we left most people agreed that the AIS was the best part of this camp so far.

As soon as we got back to the cabins we crashed. We were exhausted.
Junior School

Early next day we woke up packed and got ready to go straight to the AEC.

At the AEC we watched a brilliant movie using awesome graphic projectors. We went in to the discovery zone where we had to fill out five sheets. We had a vote which was between a banana, peach, orange and apple. Banana won. So much fun packed up in one building. Each level was filled with oomph and pizzazz. This was the amazing Questacon!

Finally our last outing in Canberra was the Australian Art Gallery. In the groups we held small competition, on information about paintings and artists, the winner got a posca. Most of Year 6 shared a favourite painting which was Blue Poles by Jackson Pollock.

We hopped on the bus on our long journey home. When we got home it was all hugs and kisses from our parents and a long sleep.

By Dean Wolman, Dean Zworestine, Jordan Milch and Yoni Nicholeff

ART

- Junior School Art Club- JSAC - are participating in the "Children's Voices for Reconciliation Day" on May 31 2012.
- The Art Club is working on a unique and wonderful banner to reflect the students understanding of reconciliation.
- Students will attend the ceremony at Ravenswood School, Gordon, to hear indigenous author Boori Prior speak. We are glad that the JSAC can participate in this important day.
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Careers

Meir Buber from Tel Aviv University will be visiting Masada from 3-4pm on Monday March 5th. He will be promoting post-school options in English at the University for our students. Degrees from Tel Aviv University are highly regarded throughout the world, and possible credit can be obtained here from individual subjects. Please email Mrs Pisk kpisk@staff.masada.nsw.edu.au if you would like to meet Meir.

International Leaders Report

This year a new leadership position has been created – Leader of International Students. Jay Jung and Joseph Yoon are the leaders who assist with settling the international students here at Masada. Joseph takes some of these students to Gordon library to give them extra help so they can understand more easily in their classes.

As International Leaders we remind the international students where to go in prayer time each morning and assist them.

We continuously ask the students if they need us to do anything for them or have any questions about the school so they can feel free to talk to us.

We also try to help Mrs Mathews-Nagai as much as we can, either in prayer time or normal periods.

So far, we believe that the international students now feel at home here at Masada and they are content and satisfied about what the school has done for them.

Jay Jung

Uniform Shop

WINTER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Please come in asap to purchase your items. Very limited openings in the holidays.

Junior school
Boys – long pants and long sleeve shirt
Girls – long sleeve shirt

Senior school
Boys – long sleeve shirt, tie and Blazer (in year 11 and 12 the senior tie is required)
Girls – long sleeve shirt and Blazer
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Yr 10 Oxygen Factory Talk
Glen Gerreyn wows us once again! It was an evening to remember.

Glen Gerreyn, Motivational Speaker, from the Oxygen Factory joined us once again at Masada on February 27 for the first of two events. The evening, with a follow up ‘Day of Hope’ for students on May 15, was well received by students and parents alike.

Here are just a few comments from Year 10 students about the evening…

‘Glen’s story really amazed me. I would recommend it to others.’ JG

‘I was left inspired, to focus on my dreams and goals. I’m interested in the rest of his ideas and story’ KG

‘Glen was like no other motivational speaker I’ve heard’ ZG

‘I found Glen’s talk inspirational and motivational. In what appeared to be the lowest time in his life he dreamed big and went after his dream. I would recommend this talk to EVERYONE I know!’ EB

‘I came in being pessimistic about the event but his charisma and emotionally evoking presentation proved to me his abilities as a motivational speaker’ JH

‘Glen is a really cool guy’ ZF

‘With persistence and determination your dreams can come true’ MA

‘It made me think about the choices I take in life’ TK

Ryan Gill
Educational ICT Integrator/Leadership Officer

Prefect Report
Hello everyone!

Another fortnight has passed and as always the prefects have been working hard for their upcoming initiatives, in particular the Purim ball. We hope that all the year 11 and 12s have organised some amazing costumes for the themed night of, “Heroes and Villains”. We are also looking forward to Purim day where we will be wearing the same costume as a prefect body. We have also written a play that we hope the students and teachers will enjoy!

Another initiative that we have come up with and are implementing on various occasions is song dedications. What happens is that students or teachers can pay one dollar to have a song played during various lunchtimes and dedicate it to a friend. If students would like to dedicate a song, they just have to message Masada Prefects on Facebook, or send then an e-mail to masadaprefects@hotmail.com.

Lastly, as a wise man once said, “Killing two birds with one stone, only leaves you with two dead birds and one less stone.”

Masada Prefects

Peer Support
The Peer Support leaders have been checking in with their Year 7 buddies regularly since their camp. They have also begun weekly study sessions, during which they Year 7’s can get assistance with their homework from the Peer Support Leaders, as well as study tips and recommendations for success. These are taking place on Wednesdays in Week B in Room 12. The Peer Support Leaders are also preparing for a number of presentations to be made to the Year 7s at different stages during the rest of the semester.

Peer Support will continue to strengthen the bond with Year 7 and aid them in every way with the transition into Masada High School.
Senior School Swimming Championships

Congratulations to all of the competitors in the senior school swimming carnival held at Dence Park, Epping on Monday, 27th February. Blessed with glorious weather the conditions were perfect for an eventful carnival; and we weren’t disappointed with five new records being set.

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**Male**

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The water polo was also hotly contested on this day with the winners of the house trophy going to Golan.
Science
Please follow the link to access further details and the map via our website under the 'Parent Correspondence' tab. [http://www.masada.nsw.edu.au/parents](http://www.masada.nsw.edu.au/parents)

**Science Research Lecture Series**

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**Planetary nebulae: The death shrouds of lonely stars or the aftermath of binary interactions?**

Speaker: Assoc Prof Orsola De Marco

Planetary nebulae, some of the most beautiful cosmic displays, are taught currently as gas ejected by dying intermediate mass stars. Their beautiful shapes that display all manner of symmetry, tell us that this picture is too simplistic and may even be wrong. An alternative theory is that these nebulae are ejected when two stars interact with one another, where the gravitational field shapes the gas ejection. In this talk by Assoc Prof Orsola De Marco, logical reasons and an observational campaign that support this theory will be presented.

**Diamonds - The smaller the better**

Speaker: Jana Say, PhD student

Besides being a coveted gem, diamonds are also being used in electronics, lasers and may even contain the key to quantum computing.

In this talk, PhD student Jana Say will discuss the research she does with some very tiny diamonds used as “trackers” to gain an insight into biological processes in the human body.

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**Registration details**

- **When:** Tuesday 20th March, 2012
- **Time:** 6pm – 7.30pm
- **Where:** Building C10A (Campus Hub), top floor, Macquarie University
- **Cost:** Free
- **Audience:** Everyone is welcome
- **RSVP:** Registration is essential to secure your place.
- **Email:** Cathy Gonzales at cathy.gonzales@mq.edu.au

**Parking:** Free parking from 5.30pm in N3 car park (opposite Sport and Aquatic Centre). Get a free parking ticket from the ticket machine by pressing ‘press for ticket’ button. To avoid a fine, clearly display ticket on driver’s side dashboard. Parking fees apply in other campus car parks.

**Location:** See L18 on campus map (overleaf) for Building C10A, and D12 for N3 parking.

**Light refreshments will be available after the lectures.**
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and young adults suffering from a range of mental health disorders. He has also established outreach
programs in schools and runs community service seminars on mental health. Dr Kidman was awarded
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1. **MAIN CONTACT:** Name:

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2. **NAME OF ACT:** ____________________

3. **GENRE:**
   - □ Singer
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   - □ Other, please explain: ____________________

4. **AGE CATEGORY:**
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   - I am/we are NSW resident/s
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