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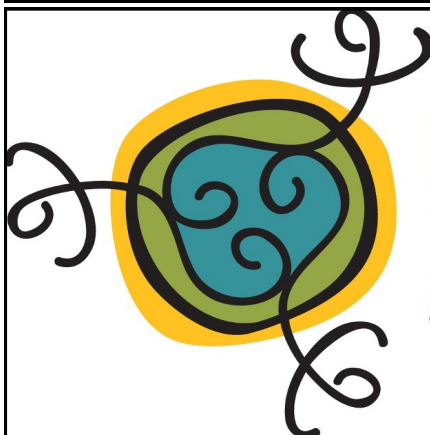
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**Uniform Shop**

**Tuesday and  
Thursday**

**8.30– 11.15am**

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# Junior Sports Fun

Last Friday there was a great air of excitement as our PP-Yr 2 students headed out to the school oval for their Junior Sports Carnival. A fabulous turn out of enthusiastic parents encouraged the students as they raced and cheered their way through their running and tabloid events. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making it such a fun and enjoyable morning.



### Junior Sports Carnival

It was great to see so many families back on the school grounds for the Junior Sport Carnival last Friday. The energy and enthusiasm that you all bring to days like this help make them special events. We've really missed being able to hold events like this throughout the year which made this carnival extra enjoyable. Thank you to everybody who came along to join in the fun.

### Are you here in 2021?

If your family is moving to another school in 2021 can you please notify us by calling the office on 9757 8500 so that we can factor this into planning for classrooms for 2021? We appreciate your assistance.

### End of Year Concerts and Ceremonies

As we are still operating under Phase 4 of the State Government Roadmap to Recovery, there are restrictions on the number of adults that we can have inside buildings on school sites. We must maintain a ratio of one adult for every two square metres in any room at school. The limited capacity of our assembly area means that we will only be able to have one guest per student for Pre-Primary to Year 6 concerts and graduation and two guests per student for the Kindergarten concert as this will be held in two separate groups. To ensure that we meet this standard, guests will be marked off against a student name when they are entering these events. We have decided not to hold these events outdoors to avoid inclement weather and to ensure that we have the best audio and visual facilities available to us. We apologise for the formal nature of this but it is important to us that we adhere to these restrictions to ensure the safety of our community. Thank you.

*Aaron Thomas, Principal*

## Merit Certificates

Room 2	Ruby Meares	Room 17	Traiye Quinn	Room T10	Sam Hendry
Room 2	Tali Gilboa	Room 22	Niamh Lawrance	Room T11	Lincoln Wittorff
Room 4	Willow Hoath	Room 22	Violet Steel	Room T12	Elise Voigt-Jackman
Room 5	Jethro Lyons	Room 23	Willa Johnson		
Room 6	Theo Bowers	Room 23	Eli Warland		
Room 7	Kaino Farrell	Room T2	Ryder Moore		
Room 11	Lottie Wood	Room T2	Tom Horak		
Room 11	Ruby Robb	Room T5	Lucas Church		
Room 12	Jack Aitken-Waayers	Room T5	Zoe de la Mare		
Room 14	Kobi Finch	Room T6	Beau Stimson		
Room 15	Nikiforos Ford	Room T7	Shilah Bruce		
Room 15	Abigail Bailey	Room T7	Niklas Campbell		
Room 15	Benji Urquhart	Room T9	Lincoln Smith		
Room 16	Oscar Edwards	Room T10	Amber Garrett		



### Bee Bop A Lula Award

Year 11—Year 6

### Golden Broom Award

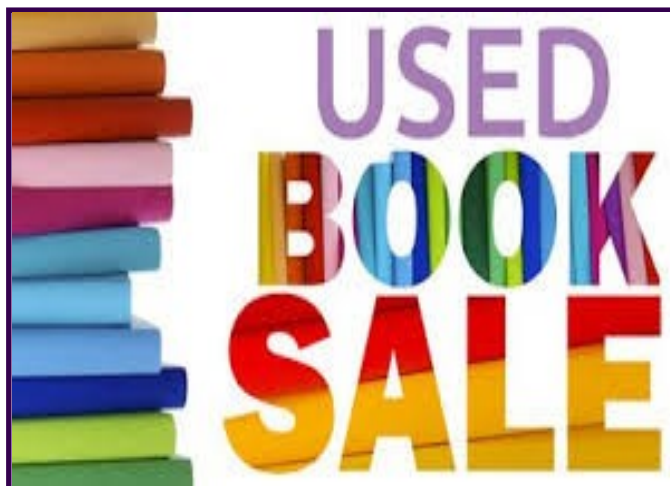
WEEK 4

Junior— Room 9

Senior —Room T2







### Secondhand Book Stall

**Monday 23rd November**

**8.45am - 9.00am and 9.30am - 9.45am**

Before and after the Junior Assembly  
outside the undercover area.

The cost of the books will be 50c or \$1.00  
Organised by some of the Year 5 students  
from Miss Symes class.

## Skate Park Action

Term 4 Sporting Options once again provided our Yr 3—6 students the opportunity on a Friday afternoon to participate in one of their favourite sports or to try something completely new.

Pictured here are some of our Middle Cell students enjoying their last session of skateboarding.







### Year 3 BioBlitz Excursion

"We went to the weir for the BioBlitz excursion by bus. My favourite part of the excursion was seeing all the rescued animals. They were all so cute, especially the joeys. On the first rotation we learned how the Margaret River was created. We then learned about the Hairy Marron. The next rotation we learned lots about owls and saw a real barn owl. It was mostly white but it had a bit of brown on its wings. At our last rotation there was a long Carpet Python, a Bearded Dragon, a Stimson's Python and a Blue Tongue Lizard. We could touch and hold them if we wanted to. It was so much fun."

*Polly Room 4*





## Student Health and Wellbeing

*MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:*

*Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, **Flexibility**, Honesty and Respect*

### **Flexibility - Easy to change or adapt.**

At Margaret River Primary School, one of our core values is flexibility—the ability to adapt, change, and rise to new challenges set forth by learning experiences. At this school we help students to become flexible thinkers who are able to question existing thinking, adapt and creatively meet the demands of the future. Flexibility means being able to make changes like meeting new friends, not getting upset if there are changes or things don't go our way.

Remember that a tree that isn't flexible or won't bend is easily broken.



### **SDERA**

#### **Tobacco and Passive Smoking**

Passive smoking is breathing in someone else's cigarette smoke. Young people are more harmed by passive smoke than adults. Passive smoke triggers asthma, makes eyes and ears sore and can cause heart and lung disease.

Did you know that people who start smoking in their teens are more likely to become regular smokers, smoke more heavily, have difficulties quitting and are at greater risk of getting smoking related diseases? Children must stand up for themselves and not be peer pressured into following other people's bad choices. Parents can assist children and give them strategies to cope with these situations. Give children the knowledge and understandings of what smoking and passive smoking can cause. Help children to develop negative attitudes to smoking. Have opportunities for students to participate in health-promoting activities.

Some children smoke cigarettes because;

- They think it makes them look cool
- They see people doing it in movies
- They want to look grown up
- Their friends are smoking

School drug education engages young people in activities that assist them to make healthier and safer choices.



Parent and Family Drug Support Line

T: (08) 9442 5050

T: 1800 653 203 (country callers)

E: [alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au](mailto:alcoholdrugsupport@mhc.wa.gov.au)

Alcohol and Drug Foundation [www.adf.org.au](http://www.adf.org.au)

[www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/drug-talk/](http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/drug-talk/)

**Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's health and wellbeing education.**

**For more information visit: [www.sdera.wa.edu.au](http://www.sdera.wa.edu.au)**



# LEARNING

## LIFECYCLE



The Kindy students have been learning about lifecycles and have had the responsibility of looking after silkworms and tadpoles. This has generated a huge amount of wonderings:

*"I wonder why the silkworms have different coloured stripes?" - Isabelle*

*"I wonder how long it will take for a tadpole to grow legs?" - Freddie*

*"I wonder what other food they will eat?" - John*



# United in Harmony

On Thursday 5th November, our K-3 students came together to participate in the national Music Count Us In program, where hundreds of schools around the country sang this year's song "You Won't Bring Us Down" simultaneously.

Written by high school students, the song embodied messages of resilience and inclusion, inspired by climate change and the recent Australian bushfires. Due to Covid restrictions, we unfortunately could not bring the whole school together, so many of the Year 4-6 classes participated in their own classrooms. The students once again blew us away with their enthusiasm and talent!

Check out the school blog if you would like to watch a video recording of the children singing.

Click here [MRPS MUSIC COUNT US IN](#)





### Our library needs your help!



Document wallets and reusable bags are needed in the library to keep up with students' love of borrowing.

If you have any spare, can you please bring to the library or front office.

We also have a lot of new books that need re-covering. If you can spare a little time it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Lee on 9757 8509 or Admin 9757 8500

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE



Exciting news on the recycling front. MRPS Kitchen Garden is now registered as an entity able to take donations via the bottle recycling group MR Refund, located in Kinsella Drive in the LIA. Anyone dropping bottles into the facility can now choose to donate their money (10c per bottle) to the MRPS Kitchen Garden Program. To donate to the MRPS Kitchen Garden via MR Refund, quote our scheme ID number C10352616 and we'll receive a donation via MR Refund to the value of whatever you have dropped off. At 10c a bottle, it will hopefully add up quickly!



Your local Containers for Change refund point



# Parents Stay Positive



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## With Triple P—Positive Parenting Program

Our free two hour seminars can help you:

- ⇒ raise happy, confident children;
- ⇒ manage children's behaviour so everyone enjoys life more;
- ⇒ increase your child's resilience and confidence;
- ⇒ balance work and family with less stress;
- ⇒ Seminars are for parents/carers of children from about two to eight years of age. Each two hour seminar includes a presentation, tip sheet, discussion and question time.



Seminar 2 — Raising Confident Competent Children

Kindy to Year 3

**Date: 3rd December**

**Time: 9.15am – 10.30am**

**Venue: MRPS Room T4**

**RSVP :** Please call the front office on 9757 8500 or complete and return the flyer sent home with your child



## C'MON TRY CLINIC

Greetings Cape to Cape Community!  
Footy season may officially be over, but the fun is just beginning here in Margaret River! To celebrate International day of people with disabilities, we have teamed up with WA ALL ABILITIES regional footy to run a "come & try" day in Margaret River. Casual & fun weekly games will start in 2021 pending interest. Phone or email for more information or to sign up. It's FREE!

**DATE:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**TIME:** 12.00pm - 1.30pm

**VENUE:** Gloucester Park Football Oval  
Augusta-Margaret River Hawks Club  
33 Wallcliffe Rd Margaret River WA

**WHO:** 12 - 40+ yrs **COST:** FREE

For questions about the coaching clinic, call 0407 836 513  
or email [Linda.Stanlake@apm.net.au](mailto:Linda.Stanlake@apm.net.au)

## VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

VacSwim in January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Not only are they a great school holiday activity, they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Don't wait! Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)