

14th February 2020
Newsletter issue: 1

Uniform Shop

Tuesday & Thursday

8.30am—11.15am

Phone 9270 4688

margaretriverps@uc.ubd.net.au

CHALK DUST CHATTER



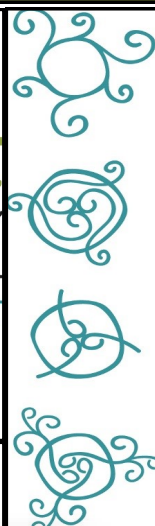
**Margaret
River** PRIMARY
SCHOOL
grow and achieve together

Phone 9757 2666

Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Fax 9757 2863

www.mriverps.wa.edu.au



Delicious Letter Treats



Welcome Back! There has been so many fun things happening around the school to start off the first term as everyone prepares for a year ahead of learning and growing together.

Pictured here are students from Room 21 creating delicious shortbread cookies out of their initials. Prepared, cooked and enjoyed in time for morning tea. School is so much fun!

Feeling Refreshed

Have you noticed how fresh our assembly area now looks? We have used a combination of Federal Government grants and school funds to repaint and put new signage up in the assembly area and around the school. What's next? More painting, roofing works, new line markings in the play ground, repairs to the quadrangle and an upgrade of the pathways and shelters along the verandas.



Welcome Back

It has been great to see everybody back at school for the start of the new year. We have heard lots of stories about the adventures that were had over the summer break and the students look happy and ready for new challenges this year. Thank you for organising the required items from the stationary lists but if you haven't had a chance to do so, could you please send the items along to your child's classroom? We look forward to seeing you around the school and please drop into the office if there is anything that we can help you out with throughout the year.

Traffic Management

The road works and detours around the school will be with us until May. Our priority is to keep everybody safe before and after school which means we have had to make a couple of changes. Some of the after school buses that were leaving from our side of Bussell Hwy now depart from the high school. This means that each day we need to escort around 40 students across the road and supervise them until they are collected by their bus. A chain has now been placed across the EXIT to the staff carpark as many parents and community members were driving the wrong way up this one way road into a staff carpark and then exiting the wrong way out a one way road to make a short around the detours. This places students and staff members at risk and we ask that you please don't use the school as a short cut. Additional supervision and monitoring is being used by the school and the Shire along Georgette St. Thank you for your understanding.

Class Meetings

Please come along to class meetings next week to hear about the expectations, opportunities and learning adventures that are ahead of your family this year. Teachers will inform you of the best way to communicate with them and how you can support your child's learning at school and at home. Times have been staggered to allow families to attend sessions in different year levels.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

Merit Certificates

Room 4	Polly Castle	Room 9	Anjele Harlow	Room 17	Joshua Joy
Room 4	Ace Hutchinson	Room 9	Tommy Ivers	Room 22	Ella Sukasana
Room 6	Izabel Billing	Room 14	Lewis Hitchcock	Room 22	Lily Kinney
Room 6	Zach Bain	Room 15	Edward Hibbert	Room 23	Zach Tigchelaar
Room 5	Zion Kaweroa	Room 15	Harper Meehan	Room 23	Lola Utting
Room 5	Kiera Lemm	Room 16	Zephyr Garstone		
Room 8	Zac Reid	Room 16	Mia Madaffari-Rowsell	Bee Bop A Lula Award	
Room 8	Jarvis Twyman	Room 17	Leland Shaw		
				Year 1—Room 22	



REMINDER - Parent Information Meetings

On Tuesday 18th February (week 3) we will be holding our Parent Information evenings. These information sessions will be held in your child's classroom and are an opportunity to meet your student's teacher and fellow parents, and get an overview of how the classroom operates and what the year ahead looks like. Times are as follows

3.30 – 3.55pm	Kindy / PP
4.00 – 4.25pm	Year 1 / 2
4.30 – 4.55pm	Year 5 / 6
5.00 – 5.25pm	Year 3 / 4

Specialist rooms will also be open on this day from 3.30—3.55pm

MRPS awarded Environmental Management Grant!

Margaret River Primary School has recently been awarded an Environmental Management Grant from the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. The grant has enabled an upgrade to our school's waste management program through the purchasing and introduction of the '3 Bin System' for each classroom. The bin system now reflects our Shire's and aims to help students make educated choices when disposing of waste and reduce the school's waste going to landfill.

Each classroom now has access to a recycling and a landfill bin with food waste suitable for worms continuing to go directly to our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.

With upcoming data collection surveys to take place, it will be exciting to see how much MRPS can reduce our landfill waste. Watch this space!



Walking or Riding Safely to School

Exercise is an important part of children's lives. It is important for their health and fitness and wellbeing. Being a pedestrian however can be dangerous, especially for children who have not yet developed the skills to navigate road safely. *Young children up to the age of 10 years must be supervised at all times* when on or near roads because;

- ♦ Brain development
- ♦ Experience with traffic
- ♦ May not realise or understand the dangers
- ♦ Cannot judge speed or distance
- ♦ Drivers cannot always see young children
- ♦ Remember around our schools the speed limit is 40km/h

Children lack peripheral vision and may only see objects directly in front of them. It is important for parents and carers to be good role models, explain the road rules to children and *always* supervise children when near traffic. Hold your children's hands when crossing the road. Our school and surrounding areas have a great deal of traffic, please help us keep ALL our children safe. If driving the rush to drop off and pick up children can sometimes cause hasty and unsafe decisions around traffic.



Margaret River Primary School Parents and Citizens Association



We would like to thank all those parents and members of the public who donated time or resources last year with our varied events and fundraisers.

*

In 2020, your P&C would like to ask parents who are unable to commit to meetings but might like to help out here and there, to consider helping out with just **one thing** this year. It could be cooking a barbi or manning a stall for an hour!

Every bit of help, big or small, is greatly appreciated!



You can find us at... mrpspandc@gmail.com

Library Bag Reminder

Borrowing has started at the library so our lovely library ladies have asked that you ensure your child has their library bag. Please ensure it is waterproof.



Pokemon Club is back!
Mondays in Room 1
1.05 -1.35
All Welcome



Student Health and Wellbeing

MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:

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

SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Aware)

Welcome back, I hope you had a fun and safe holiday season with lots of quality time with your family. While parents and family will always have the primary role in children's safety and wellbeing, education is vital for children and young people to thrive in an increasing complex society. School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) is the State Government's primary drug and road safety education strategy for young people. This program provides prevention education aimed at keeping our young children safer. Our school implements this Challenges and Choices program as part of our schools EQ health program. Every newsletter there is an article about one of the 4 focus areas: **Passenger & Pedestrian Safety and Safety on Wheels Resilience and Wellbeing, Drug Education**. We change focus areas depending on what the Inquiry topics are within the school. We share vital information and some interesting statistics. The aim of the SDERA program is to educate children and families with the hope of empowering them to make personal and socially-responsible decisions. SDERA aims to actively encourage children across WA to make safer choices by educating on pedestrian safety, passenger safety and rider safety. I hope you and your family learn and maybe develop new skills this year.

SDERA

This term I will talk about Safety on Wheels and Passenger & Pedestrian Safety as the year 4s will be participating in their Margaret River Nature Park bike camp. Every day we have many children using wheeled devices to get to school. Cycling, riding and other wheeled devices are healthy and environmentally friendly activities, as well as being convenient modes of transport. We are very lucky to have so many tracks and cycling paths in Margaret River with such impressive scenery. Before you start, you have a check list. Please remember to go through these safety precautions regularly;

- Check that your child has a fitted helmet and protective gear
- Make sure wheels spin freely
- Check tyres (worn or flat)
- Fix any loose wheel nuts or broken spokes
- Are the brakes working?
- Make sure chain is clean and can move freely, it should be kept lightly oiled.
- Has your bike got reflectors? They should be at the front and back of the bike.
- Does your bell still work?
- Check there are no sharp edges

That's it – you're done. Did your child's bike or wheeled device pass the safety check? OK, off you go for a ride. If not, get it repaired straight away. Don't risk their safety.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.

For more information visit www.sdera.wa.edu.au



Kitchen Garden Volunteers

We have 249 lucky students involved in the Kitchen Garden Program this year.

More than ever we need volunteers to help ensure safe, enjoyable and productive sessions for our students. So we need YOU!

If you have a child in any of the above classes and can donate some time, we'd love to see you. Parents, carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents - all are welcome. There's no obligation to come every week - one hour, once a year, or one hour every week - it all makes a difference.

Week 2 sees year 4s in the Kitchen and year 5s in the Garden.

Come and volunteer your time in the program and spend quality time with your child at the same time. Win Win!

Follow all the Kitchen Garden news on Facebook at MRPSKitchenGarden and insta @mrpskitchengarden.



Bushfire Zone Register

The Department of Education (the Department) is committed to maximising the safety of its students and staff and in doing so maintains a Bushfire Zone Register. Inclusion on this register means that a school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive closure on a day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Our school is not required to be on this register, however we have completed all of the planning requirements that would be associated with being on the register.

What does this mean for our school?

When given advance warning by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the Deputy Director General, Schools may direct the pre-emptive closure of Margaret River Primary School. If the school receives such a directive, you will be informed of the possible planned closure by a letter sent home with your child. Parents of students absent on the day this letter is sent home will be contacted by telephone, so please ensure the school has up to date contact details for you.

In the intervening period between the declaration of the pre-emptive closure and the day of planned closure, DFES will keep the Department informed of any change to the FDR forecast for the declared day. The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4.30pm on the day before the planned closure. If the forecast changes after that deadline, the closure will stand, regardless of improvements to the weather conditions later in the afternoon of the day before the planned closure or overnight. The intention is to limit confusion or uncertainty for parents and to allow you ample time to make alternative child care arrangements.

Parents will be advised of the confirmation of closure, or its reversal, by a note sent home with your child on the day before the planned closure. Again, parents of students absent on this day will be contacted by telephone.

How will I know when the school is reopening?

It is anticipated that the school will typically only be required to close for a single day at a time, however this will depend on the weather. You will receive an SMS to advise you whether the school will reopen the day after the planned closure, or whether it will remain closed. The school website will contain a notice to advise you of the current status of the school closure and when it is expected to reopen. Please ensure that your current mobile telephone number is up to date on our school records.

I ask that you monitor local media for current information about fire danger ratings and notification of schools reopening. Staying tuned to ABC Local Radio in your locality is advisable. You can also check with DFES on 13 DFES (13 33 37) or www.dfes.wa.gov.au Alternatively you can call me on 9757 8500 or Southwest Regional Education Office Regional Education Office on 9791 0300. If any of the options listed above for finding out when to send your child back to school are problematic, please contact the principal to arrange for us to phone you to advise you when the school will reopen.

Questions?

Please contact the school on 9757 8500 if you have any questions about planned closures during the bushfire season. Our Bushfire Plan is available on the school website under the banner of *Policies* at <https://mrriverps.wa.edu.au>

Welcome to the new school year, we hope that you enjoyed the summer break. MRPS is once again collecting recyclable materials to maintain our commitment to reducing waste going to landfill and meeting our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

- We are continuing to collect oral care waste from the community for Terracycle - waste products are boxed, sent to Victoria and melted down into park benches, watering cans, playgrounds, etc. (NOTE—this year in that cardboard from toothpaste boxes and toothbrush packaging is no longer accepted.)

- Our Greenbatch bin collects plastics with the identifying numbers 1 and 2 (lids and labels are okay) from the community. Woolworths kindly transports this waste to Perth where the plastic is melted down into 3D printer filament that is sold to schools.

- We have a tub collecting batteries in the front office (that we take to the shire office).

Last year we trialled REDcycle bins in various locations around the school, collecting soft plastics from our classrooms and students lunchboxes, that cannot be placed in our Shire recycle bins. The waste is taken to Coles or Woolworths, transported to the eastern states where the plastic is melted into benches, bollards, containers, etc. This has met with great success and we will be expanding the collection points this year.

We ask for your cooperation in ensuring the waste deposited into our Terracycle and Greenbatch bins is as clean and dry as possible (especially milk bottles), to avoid contamination and whole bags having to be sent to landfill.

Kind regards, Liz Angell, Deputy Principal

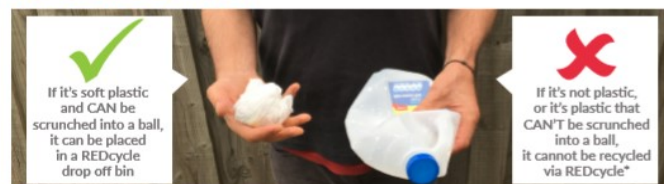
Ready to Recycle



Soft plastic recycling

The REDcycle Program makes it easy for consumers to keep plastic bags and packaging out of landfill.

Do the scrunch test



YES PLEASE

Some of the most commonly recycled items include:



NO THANKS

We cannot accept the following:

- X Plastic bottles
- X Plastic containers
- X Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets
- X Glass
- X Rubber
- X Paper and cardboard
- X Tin cans
- X Food waste

*Contact your local council to check if it can go into your kerbside collection.

www.redcycle.net.au

COLGATE® ORAL CARE RECYCLING PROGRAM

ACCEPTED WASTE



See the picture above for what you can send in through this recycling program. Then, when you have finished using your toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, and floss containers send them in to TerraCycle to be recycled.

Colgate Oral Care Brigade accepted waste:

1. Toothpaste tubes and caps
2. Floss containers
3. Toothbrushes
4. Electric toothbrush heads

Please note, external cardboard packaging is not accepted in this program and should be placed in your kerbside recycling bin.



GREEN BATCH SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

AT YOUR SCHOOL NOW!

OUR WASTE PLASTIC PROBLEM

BY 2050

MORE PLASTIC IN OUR OCEANS THAN FISH

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

WHAT WE COLLECT

PLASTIC

ALUMINUM CANS

LIDS AND LABELS ✓

PLEASE WASH ✓

NO RUBBISH ✗

NO OTHER PLASTICS ✗

IF IN DOUBT LEAVE IT OUT

PUT YOUR PLASTIC IN THE GREENBATCH BIN

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR PLANET'S FUTURE

TERM ONE TIMETABLE**MONDAY - STUDIO 1**

ALL GENRES

JNR TEENS 10 - 12YRS 4.00 - 5.00pm

ALL GENRES

INT TEENS 13 - 15 YRS 5.00 - 6.00pm

TUESDAY - STUDIO 1.

ALL GENRES

8 - 10 YRS 4.00 - 5.00pm

TEENS BARREFFIT CLASS

10 + YEARS 5.00 - 6.00pm

TUESDAY - STUDIO 2

Adults Barrefit/Core MORNING workout 6.30am - 7.30am

WEDNESDAY - STUDIO 1

TODDLER BOP DANCE CLASS

2 - 4 YRS 3.45 - 4.30PM

ALL GENRES

5 - 7 YRS 4.30 - 5.15pm

ADULTS BARREFFIT CLASS

Adults Barrefit/Core MORNING workout 6.30am - 7.30am

Adults Barrefit/core EVENING workout 5.30pm - 6.30pm

THURSDAY - STUDIO 1.

SENIOR CITIZENS DANCEFIT

Over 55 yrs Senior Groovers Dance 4.00 - 4.45pm

ADULTS "DAGGY DANCING" DANCEFIT

WOMENS DANCE CLASS 6.00PM - 7.00PM

THURSDAY - STUDIO 2.

10 - 15 YRS GLEE CLUB - Acting, Singing and Movement class

FRIDAY - STUDIO 2.

BARREFFIT/CORE

Adult Barrefit/Core MORNING
workout class 6.30am - 7.30am**OUTLOUD DANCE ACADEMY****CLASSES COMMENCE****MON 3RD FEBRUARY 2020**

25 STATION ROAD

MARGARET RIVER

**Margaret River Primary School 'Sporting Schools Program'**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This term I will be holding Specialised Coaching sessions for Years 2 to 6 with the Sporting Schools Program. The program will be held on Monday afternoons from 3.20pm to 4pm and Friday lunch times. This will begin Week One Term 1 and continue throughout the Term.

The Sporting Schools Program is based on the enjoyment of being involved in and learning a variety of new skills that are adapted to a number of games and sports. This will range from Athletics skills to Team Sport's skills as well as a variety of fun games.

There are limited spaces in this program therefore positions will be filled on a first in basis. Please return the notes to the front office as soon as possible. The program will be organised and run by Mrs Mandy Sinclair. We will meet in undercover area. (Please provide your child with a snack for the afternoon session only). Students will need appropriate foot wear. Students please meet me in the undercover area. **This Program is free.**

Please indicate below which day you prefer but this will depend upon spaces available and return to the **FRONT OFFICE** as soon as possible.

My child _____ year _____ room _____ is interested in participating in the Sporting Schools Program on:

Please circle one day only

Monday pm 3.20pm to 4pm

OR

Friday Lunch time 1.05pm to 1.50pm

If accepted into the program do you give your child permission to walk / ride home?

Please circle Yes or No

Please return the bottom half of this form only. You will only receive a response from me if the program is fully booked out. Otherwise, please assume that your child is attending.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR CHILD ON TIME (4pm) TO RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS.

Mandy Sinclair, Physed