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UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN TUESDAYS
ONLY IN TERM 3

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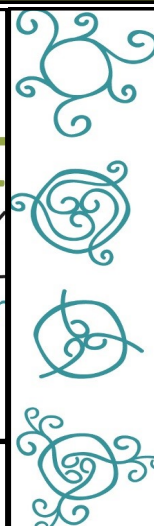
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Caring for our Catchments

Last week Room 2 students visited key spots on the Margaret River where they spent the day learning about sustainable land practices to broaden their understanding of the importance of our catchments areas. Activities included water testing, assessing foreshores, discovering aquatic biodiversity and speaking to, and learning from landholders. Lots of notes were taken on the day ensuring interesting discussion topics for future science lessons.

All of our year 6 students will participate in this excursion over the coming weeks, with their combined research culminating in a Cape Catchment presentation later in the term.



What's on in August & September..

3rd Aug	Spare Change Challenge finishes	14th Aug	8th Sept	Cross Country Trials
10th Aug	Yr2, Yr 5 & T11 Swimming		10th Sept	Fun Run
12th Aug	School Board Meeting		14th Sept	Pre-primary swimming
14th Aug	Cross Country Training		15th-17th	School Photos
21st Aug	Cross Country Training		18th Sept	Interschool Cross Country
24th Aug	Yr3, Yr 6 Swimming		18th Sept	Philosothon Yr 4-6
28th Aug	Cross Country training		19th Sept	P&C Disco—Superhero theme
31st Aug	Junior Assembly		21st Aug	Combined Assembly (TBC)
7th Sept	Senior Assembly		23rd Sept	Cape Catchment Presentation 10am

WA Government Phase 4

The State Government recently announced that Phase 4 restrictions would remain in place until a review on 29 August. This means that we need to maintain the current high level of hygiene and safety through:

- Maintaining space of two square metres per adult in each room across the school
- Maintaining social distancing protocols whenever you are at school
- Booking meetings with your teacher ahead of time to allow for surface cleaning
- Keeping assemblies restricted to Junior and Senior (no combined assemblies)
- Maintaining food hygiene through not sharing food at school

We are full steam ahead with our Year 6 camp preparations. As communicated to Year 6 parents, the two night stay at St Mary's Metricup Camp is contingent upon the State Government announcing Phase 5. In the event that this is not the case in Term 4 we will communicate directly with Year 6 parents.

ACROD Parking

The ACROD parking near the front office is used daily by our students to transit safely to out of a car at the beginning and the end of the school day. Please do not use this bay without an ACROD permit as there have been a number of occasions lately where people who need to access the facility have not been able to do so.

Kitchen Garden Thank you

Thank you to all of the Year 4 and Year 5 parents who have volunteered their time in the Kitchen Garden program this term. We have been busy planting, harvesting, mulching, composting and cooking which has been a lot easier and a lot more enjoyable with your assistance. Year 4 and Year 5 teachers are always looking for volunteers to come along and help out in a 90 minute session. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment – any time that you have is really appreciated. Thanks!

Aaron Thomas, Principal



P&C Spare Change Challenge finishes this Friday.

Pizza Party for the classroom with the highest tally



national science week

15 - 23 AUGUST 2020 - AUSTRALIA WIDE

Year 4 students in Digital Technologies are participating in a data collection project to support their Inquiry and National Science Week and they need your help!

They are looking to find out what types of rubbish is washed up on beaches around Margaret River. If you go on a beach walk and collect rubbish, could you please contribute to our survey? You can access the survey by following the link below:

[MRPS BEACH RUBBISH COLLECTION](#)

or scanning the QR code:



Thank you for helping our Year 4's and our environment!

WANTED—Knitting needles, crochet hooks, weaving and wool supplies.

A group of students in Year 4 have initiated a knitting and crochet club and are seeking some extra supplies to teach others. If you have any spare, it would be much appreciated if you could donate these to the club.

The club will be on Thursday lunchtimes in the school library and donations can be dropped at the front office or library.



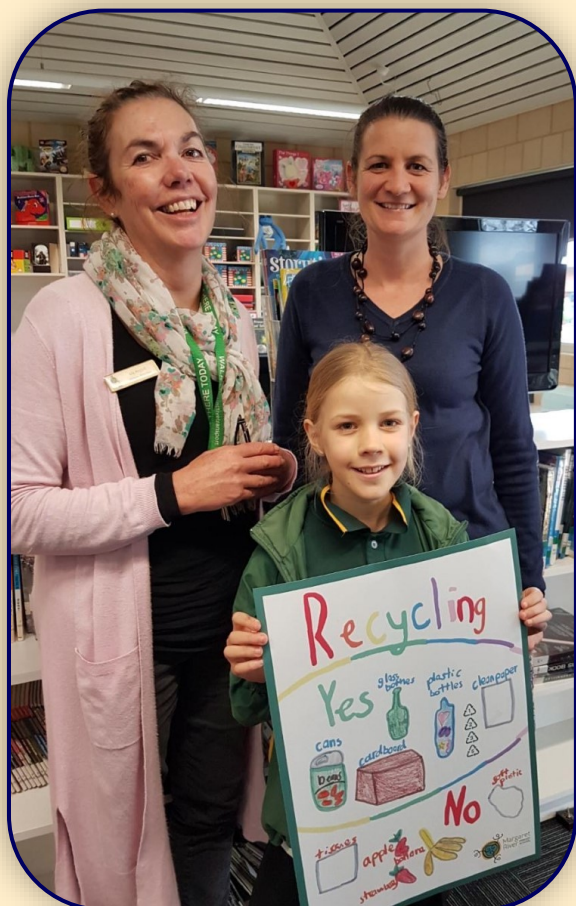
Congratulations to Polly Castle!

Earlier in the year, Margaret River Primary School held a competition for students to design a sticker for our recycling bins. Students across all year levels were encouraged to illustrate a poster to show others the types of waste that can be put into our school recycling bins, in an effort to minimise contamination. The winning design would be printed and displayed on all our recycling bins across the school.

Year 3 student, Polly, entered her design into our Recycling Bin Sticker competition and has been judged the winner! Her design is clear and informative, illustrating the items accepted for recycling through the yellow lid bin, and will add some much needed colour to our recycling bins. Awesome work Polly, we are sure that your design will help other students in choosing the right bin for their waste!

A special thank you to Lisa Enoka for assisting with converting Polly's design to a digital format, and Margaret River Sign Company for printing the stickers.

Look out for Polly's winning design on the recycle bins around our school!



WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS

Open to students from year 4 to year 6 and all staff

When: Wednesdays Week 3 to week 7 (6 weeks) at 1.05

Where: Music room

Why: If you are looking for some chill out time, want to slow things down a bit and find some ways to switch off your busy mind then come and check it out.

What: Together we will develop some skills and take away tools to use anywhere that will help you relax. We will start with a mindfulness session and follow with a creative activity that helps to create space in your mind and express how your feeling.

See you there and if you have any questions please come and ask or just rock up on Wednesday and see what its all about.



Have a wonderful day; Amy Johnstone

STAMP CLUB IS BACK!

The MRPS Stamp Collecting Club has kicked off again for Semester 2 on Thursdays at lunch time. Stamp Club is enjoyed by year 3's and 4's however, siblings in year 2 are welcome; and it's great to see year 5 and 6 students returning again.

Students have the opportunity to sort through thousands of stamps every week to build their collection, as the semester progresses. All club members get to keep 25 stamps a week and last year we gave away 40 free stamp albums to regular attendees and their families. If you have any old dusty shoeboxes full of stamps that need a good home, drop them into the front office or give me a call.

Mr Dowling Year 3, Room 5



Excursion Policy Changes


One of the things that matters most to us is that we are a reflection of the aspirations and values of the Margaret River community which means that we take advantage of lots of opportunities to be out and about in our community. There are many learning opportunities for our students that require us to send home *Excursion Permission* notes. Before we get to this though, there is a significant amount of planning and risk assessment required. The purpose of the permission note is to ensure that parents and guardians have all of the information that they need to make an informed choice about allowing students to leave the school site. The excursions that we plan are an important part of learning and we expect all students to attend. If there are reasons why a student can't attend we would like to have a conversation with you to discuss how we can make it happen.

Recent policy changes, by the Department of Education, mean that we need to do things a little differently:

- You no longer need to fill out a *Health Care* form for each excursion **BUT** you are required to declare if there has been any change to health or medical risk on the permission form for each excursion. You always need to update any changes via the office. We will take a copy of the health care details of every student on each excursion.
- The permission form has changed so that parents and guardians need to fill out a few more details before returning it school. If there are difficulties or language barriers that make this difficult we can always help you out.

A sample of the new permission form is below so that you know what to expect from us.

We can't wait to get out and about in the community!

				EXCURSION: PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER CONSENT FORM			
Child's name:							
Class and Year Level:							
Excursion to:							
Student health considerations If your child's medical condition has changed or your child has special needs, please provide full details and include any relevant medical details below and contact the school to update the Student Health Care Summary.							
Details: 							
Parent / Carer / Guardian consent I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency. I am aware that the school and its employees are not responsible for personal injuries or property damage that may occur on an excursion, unless the school or its employees are proven to be negligent.							
Next of Kin							
Name				Name			
Daytime Contact				Daytime			
After hours				After hours			
Mobile				Mobile			
Relationship				Relationship			
I consent to (<i>Your child's name</i>)							
participating in an excursion to							
on (<i>Date</i>)							
Signed							
Date							

Student Health and Wellbeing

MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:

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

Value—Honesty



Honesty is being fair, just and truthful; not cheating or stealing.

Honesty means you don't say things about people that aren't true. You are not being honest if you make up rumours about someone. An example of not being honest is when people spread rumours about others at school or on social media.

Honesty includes not hiding the truth because that is deceiving, not breaking rules to gain an advantage because that is cheating, and not taking something that isn't yours because that is stealing. Remember that, 'Honesty is the Best Policy'.

SDERA

It is important for your child to learn the safest way to walk or ride to and from school. As children's brains are still developing they may not have a full understanding of the dangers around them, particularly as a pedestrian. This lack of understanding often results in children imitating inappropriate behaviours and forgetting about the traffic around them. At primary school age they may also have difficulty identifying where sounds are coming from and judging speed, this can make it challenging to make decisions. Remember children are still developing directional hearing and peripheral vision. Let your child know when they are behaving safely. Praise your child when you notice them walking and crossing roads safely.

- ⇒ STOP—back from the kerb and road
- ⇒ LOOK - in all directions for traffic
- ⇒ LISTEN - for traffic
- ⇒ THINK - about when is it safer to cross the road

Here are some important safety points to remember:

- ◆ Please remember to use the cross walks and say hello to Kathy or Max. They are the safest areas to cross the road to school.
- ◆ Children are easily distracted and behave inconsistently in traffic situations, you as an adult need to be aware of children on the roads.
- ◆ Children up to 8yrs old should hold their parents hand when crossing the road.
- ◆ Check for turning traffic before crossing.
- ◆ If you're riding a wheeled device to school have you got your safety approved helmet secured correctly on your head
- ◆ Has your bike been safety checked lately – brakes, bell, reflectors, chain, tyres etc.
- ◆ Remember your speed is 40km/p in the school zones. Has everyone got their seatbelts on?
- ◆ Check for cars entering or exiting driveways.
- ◆ Wait for the bus to leave before you cross the road.



Did you know, you cannot see a child 4 years old and younger behind a car even with full use of rear and side mirrors? Make decisions that will reduce the level of risk.

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

For more information visit www.sdera .



Who's your super hero?

Wonder Woman? Superman? Batman?
What about those around us like Mum & Dad?
Those in our community keeping us safe?
A teacher who inspires you to be better?
Perhaps even your best friend?

It's Disco Time Sat 19th Sept 2020

The River Hotel
Yrs 1 - 3 2pm to 3.30pm
Yrs 4 - 6 4pm to 5.30pm

Lolly bags & chocolates for Sale
Raffle - Bubble Machine - Funky Tunes

This year the P&C are giving back to the school community **Free Entry!**


 Margaret River Primary School
 Parents & Citizens Association



Wiles and Point Design

Kindy Enrolments 2021

Expressions of interest in enrolling children into our school's 4 year old Kindergarten Program for 2021 are now open.

Application for Enrolment forms are available on our website here

<https://mriversps.wa.edu.au/information/enrolments/applications/>

or at the front office.

Forms should be submitted with a Birth Certificate, Immunisation History Statement and proof of residential address. Any enquiries contact 9757 8500.



Writers' Circle 2020



Every THURSDAY at lunchtime in Room 6

Learn a strategies, tips and tricks to make your writing pop and come to life! Learn how to use a *Writer's Notebook* to gather ideas and rich material for stories. See you there!

Mrs Veary

ADVANCED PERSONAL MANAGEMENT (APM)

Advanced Personnel Management are contracted by NDIS to deliver a range of services for people with disabilities in the Cape to Cape Region. In her role as Community Capacity Builder, Linda Stanlake aims to identify gaps and priorities that may exist for individuals living with disabilities, then creating projects or initiatives that can potentially address those needs. Outcomes of these initiatives can benefit people already accessing the NDIS, along with individuals who are not part of the scheme. The overall scope is to benefit as many people in the community as possible. In addition to projects and initiatives, Linda also works to create connections for families and individuals living with a disability. This may include connecting with peer groups, therapy providers, disability related resources and community based options aimed at creating access and inclusion for all.

Linda Stanlake—Local Area Coordinator

MOB: 0407 836 513 EMAIL: Linda.Stanlake@apm.net.au



VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays. October is a great time to get your children ready for summer and January offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations during the long break. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

LAMP OUTREACH

**AUGUSTA CIVIC PARK (NEAR
LIBRARY)**

MONDAYS 3.30 - 4.30PM



**COWARAMUP HALL OR SKATE
PARK**

WEDNESDAYS 3.30PM-5.30PM



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ACTIVITIES**

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AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

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