

28th August 2020
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UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN TUESDAYS
ONLY IN TERM 3

8.30am-11.15am

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River** PRIMARY
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grow and achieve together

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Year 3 Montessori Wetlands Excursion

When students returned from their excursion to the Montessori Wetlands macroinvertebrate sampling, they were asked to use a Yellow Hat to guide their reflections, answering: "What were the good points about the excursion?" These are some of their answers:

Tully said:
The good points about my excursion is that I learnt a lot about the healthy environment and the macroinvertebrates. I loved the reflections in the water. I learnt that there is a water bug that looks like a stick. It's called a caddisfly larvae. I really enjoyed this excursion.

Lucy said:
The good point about this excursion is that when we scooped the ice-tray into the water, we got a Dragonfly larva. I loved sorting the macroinvertebrates into the tray with the scoop. I loved looking at the animals.

Catto said:

I think the wetland was healthy and full of different macroinvertebrates, some fussy and some not so fussy. This means it is a healthy wetland. The wetland had lots of different trees, such as the Marri. I think the most enjoyable part of the wetland excursion was being in the wild.



Fun Run

We are fast approaching the Fun Run and we are excited about mixing it up a little this year. The students in Years 3-6 will be making their way around an obstacle course at Gloucester Park and the younger students will run around an obstacle course at school. There will still be all of the activities and stalls happening back at school after lunch. We would love to see you out on the course, either volunteering to direct students as they go around or to cheer them on. The money that we raise through sponsorships will be invested in tablets, notebooks and PCs across the school so that all students will benefit from the fundraising. Thanks for your support and we will see you there!

2020 Carnivals

Due to the significant interruptions to the school calendar this year we were forced to cancel the Year 3-6 sports carnival that was scheduled for Term 1. Ongoing restrictions limited us in rescheduling and we are now faced with a really busy last term that unfortunately doesn't have any room for another event. The Year 4-6 students will still be having a swimming carnival in Term 4 and the PP-2 students still have their sports carnival in the last term of the year. We regret not being able to reschedule the carnival but with off-site sports options each Friday, Year 6 camp, graduation, end of year concerts and the junior sports carnival we don't have enough time to prepare students and hold the event. We miss the community interaction that comes with a sports carnival but we hope to see you at the Fun Run and the swimming carnivals.

Crossing Guards

We would like to say a big thank you to the people who keep our students safe on their way to school each day. Thanks Max, Cathie and Bob for the time that you invest in our community. Thank you also to Southern Crust Pizza who this week showed the community's appreciation by presenting them with thank you gift vouchers.

Aaron Thomas, Principal



P&C Spare Change Challenge is finished and the results are in with \$1,695 in total raised.

The Pizza Party has been earned by Room 5, Year 3, who raised the highest classroom tally of \$142.40.



MRPS VACANCY

Cleaner Level 1 (00007178)

Margaret River Primary School is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Cleaner to join their friendly team. This is a permanent part-time (0.25FTE) position commencing in Term 4, 2020. This equates to 2 hours per day/10 hours per week.

Further information about this position, and details on how to apply, can be found at www.jobs.wa.gov.au, where you can enter the position number (00007178) into the keyword search option.

You are encouraged to contact Karen James, Manager Corporate Services, for further information about the employment opportunity, including information about living and working in Margaret River, by telephoning (08) 9757 8504 or emailing karen.james@education.wa.edu.au.

What's on in August & September..

31st Aug	Years 3 & 6 Interm Swimming Continues	18th Sept	Interschool Cross Country
31st Aug	Junior Assembly	18th Sept	Philosothon Years 4-6
7th Sept	Senior Assembly	19th Sept	P&C Disco —Superhero theme
8th Sept	Cross Country Trials	21st Aug	Combined Assembly (TBC)
10th Sept	Fun Run	21st Aug	PP Interm Swimming continues
14th Sept	Pre-primary Interm Swimming begins	23rd Sept	Cape Catchment Presentation 10am
15th-17th	School Photos	25th Sept	Last day Term 3

Merit Certificates

Senior Assembly Recipients			
3rd August			
Room 2	Ginger Clifford	Room 4	Heidi Bolognini
	Abby Black		Che Eggleston
	Jack O'Brien		Strider Mcleod
		Room 5	Maggie Gardiner
			Maverick Thomson
Room 10	Zakai	Room 6	Ivy Braithwaite
	Madaffari-Rowsell		Flynn Smith
	Marlee Luppino	Room 7	Jake Crimble-Hall
Room 11	Poppy Worrall		Aiden Pickersgill
	Mali Travaglini	Room 10	Ayla Vale
Room T2	Miles Goldstone		Ryder Kelly
	Abby Ralston	Room 11	Perri Byrne
Room T5	Kenzie Manson		Luca Graham
	Judah Mouritz	Room 12	Archie Marshall
Room T6	Ella Thompson		Arnika Dale
	Ash Lewis	Room 14	Will Galbraith
Room T9	Meghan McKenzie		Taj Cawse
	Kade Guja	Room 15	Angus Morrell
Room T10	Jimi McGregor	Room 16	Xanthia Schumann
	Holly Tearney		Ava Ferry
Room T11	Cahill Gillick	Room 17	Flyn Fitzpatrick
Room T12	Kye Launder		Jack Hall
	Grant Forrest	Room 18	Gordon Noakes
			Willoh Robertson
Combined Assembly Recipients		Room 22	Mitchell Koontz
17th August			Auma Robinson
Room 2	Jade Schaafsma	Room 23	Jarrah Ker
	Louie Gibbs		Alana Jack
Room 4	Ben Evans	Room T2	Anika Clay

Golden Broom Awards

Junior

Week 3 Year 2—Room 14

Week 4 Year 1—Room 23

Senior

Week 3 Year 5—Room T10

Week 4 Year 4— Room T6



Bee Bop A Lula Award

Year 4— Room T5





Our Kindy classes have been learning about our world and the people in it who help us, such as Police Officers. We set up a Police Station, made our own police cars and invited the Margaret River Police to visit. Officers Jodie and Mark spoke to us about their job and showed us some equipment they use.

Swooping Magpies during Breeding Season ***Magpie-Human Interactions***

Magpies swoop to protect eggs and young from potential predators during the nesting season. They rely largely on intimidation to deter human intruders by flying low and fast, often clacking their bill as they pass overhead. The sound of their wings whistling past and the movement of air can be alarming, but is usually just a bluff.

Reducing the risk from swooping magpies

Keep in mind that the birds swoop only during the nesting and rearing period (from August to October) and each bird generally only swoops for a few weeks during this time. If we take a little time to understand magpie behaviour, we can greatly reduce the risk. There are several actions you can take:

- Never deliberately provoke or harass a magpie. Throwing sticks or stones usually makes them more defensive. Magpies have good memories and they may continuously swoop a potential aggressor.
- Avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop. Remember, magpie hostility lasts only a few weeks and they usually only defend a small area of about 100m radius around their nest.
- Locate the bird and keep watching it when entering its territory. If it swoops, don't crouch in fear or stop: move on quickly but don't run.
- If you are riding a bike make sure you wear a helmet, and dismount and walk through nesting magpie territory.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella for protection. Magpies initially attack from behind but can swoop back around.
- Adopt a confident stance as this can have a strong deterrent effect.

Remember - the magpies are just trying to protect their young. Learning to live alongside wildlife is an important step towards building a better living environment, and observing and listening to magpies can be an enjoyable experience.

Taking a bird or nest from the wild is illegal without a permit and while such actions may temporarily stop attacks, it is not uncommon for another nesting bird to move in. It is better to avoid the area or live with the swooping bird for six to eight weeks until the chicks learn to fly and the problem ceases. ***Thank you for helping our precious wildlife survive.***

PLEASE, LEAVE MY
DADDY ALONE.
HE IS ONLY TRYING
TO PROTECT ME!



Living safely with magpies

School Contributions Reward

Pay your MRPS school contributions by the 18th September to go into the draw to win them back. We will draw one name out of the hat for each year level and that student will receive a refund of their school contributions. Winners will be announced in the newsletter.



Thank You Southern Crust Pizza

For showing their appreciation to our dedicated school crossing guards, Max, Cathy and Bob, and gifting them each two vouchers to use at Southern Crust. You can order from Southern Crust Pizza on (08) 9757 3131 or orders@southerncrust.com.au or visit them at Shop 5/137 Bussell Hwy, Margaret River.



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



Fun Run Book Stall

The Year 5 classes are once again running the second hand book stall as part of the Fun Run fundraising effort.

Please drop off your unwanted second hand books in one of the boxes located in the following locations:

PP verandah; Year 2 verandah; outside music room; Year 5 deck and Year 6 verandah outside the art room.

REGISTER TODAY!

FREE, QUICK & EASY

How to get started:



- ♦ Visit www.QuickCliq.com.au
- ♦ Sign up by completing the registration form.
- ♦ Receive a confirmation email with activation link.
- ♦ Activate your account and login to the website.
- ♦ Add a student and nominate their school.
- ♦ Order whenever you like.

How to order meals:



Using QuickCliq helps you stay organised. Order up to four weeks in advance.

SAFE & SECURE | SUPPORT LINE: 1300 11 66 37 | ORDER 24/7

Writers' Circle 2020

**Every THURSDAY at lunchtime
in Room 6**

Learn 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



Fun Run Lunch Order

This lunch order is for **Thursday 10th September 2020**. Recess Canteen is available on this day, however, there will be **NO canteen lunch orders on this day.**

Please order online through Quick Cliq or hand to Canteen by **Friday 4th September 2020**.

Special 2020 reduced price

		Please tick
Sausage in a Bun & Juice Box	\$7	\$5 <input type="checkbox"/>
GF Sausage in GF Bread & Juice Box	\$7	\$5 <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Vego Sausage</u> in a Bun & Juice Box	\$7	\$5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Adult/Parent/Teacher Sausage & Onion		\$5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Payment Options:

Online: Quick Cliq - Special Function ☐

Hand CASH orders to Canteen ☐

Please Circle Choice

BBQ Sauce	Yes/No
Tomato Sauce	Yes/No
No Sauce	Yes/No

Name: _____ Room: _____

Margaret River Primary School



ANNUAL FUN RUN

Our annual whole school **Fun Run** will be held on **Thursday 10th September 2020**. This is the major ICT fundraising event for the school and we hope that you will help your child raise as much money for this awesome event as possible. Prizes are on offer for highest fundraisers from each class and year level. This year every student will have a chance at winning the iPad. Students will receive a raffle ticket for every \$10 they raise, with the raffle drawn at the prize winning assembly.

Pre-Primary to Year 2 students will be racing through an obstacle course around the school oval starting at **12:15pm**. The **K2 and K4** students will be joining in the fun on this day. The **K1 and K3** students will be participating in an obstacle course around the Kindy Playground on Tuesday 8th September 2020. More information for this event will be provided by the Kindy teachers.

Year 3 – 6 students will be racing through a newly designed obstacle course around Western and Nippers Oval at Gloucester Park, starting at **11:50am**.

Parking available at the Lower Western Oval.



We would love to see parents cheering on their children at both events and joining in on the excitement at the Fun Run stalls, which will be held at school starting at **1:20pm**.

We are also looking for **parent volunteers** for both events. If you are able to assist, please contact Marnie Simpson in the front office on 9757 8500.



Fundraising from this event helps students at Margaret River Primary School Innovate, Engage and Inspire with ICT!

Student Health and Wellbeing

MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:

Cooperation, Empathy, Enthusiasm, Flexibility, Honesty and Respect

Cooperation

At Margaret River Primary School, one of our core values is **Cooperation**, which means working together to achieve success. You show **cooperation** when you: Work in a small group to accomplish a task. Allow each person in a group to have a say. Volunteer to do some jobs at home to help your family. Play a team sport and work toward a common goal. In the playground, encourage everyone to join in.



For **cooperation** to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do.

Remember, many hands make light work.

SDERA Having Gratitude

Being grateful in life helps everyone be happier and thankful. Everyone in our community benefits with every

person having gratitude. Being grateful can build your resilience, even improve your mental and physical health. Model gratitude whenever and where ever you can. Modelling and encouraging children to embrace the virtue gratitude. Expressing gratitude through words, letters, gifts or acts of kindness are all ways to teach children how to be grateful.

You can practise gratitude in conversations with your children every day. For example, "Look at the beautiful colours of the sunset."; "It makes me so happy when you finish your homework!"; "I'm so grateful to have a warm and comfortable bed."; "I'm grateful for having healthy cooked meals everyday." Encouraging generosity is also important. Encourage your children to donate their own clothes or toys to less fortunate children that will deepen their sense of gratitude.

It's very easy these days for children to get wrapped up in materialistic possessions. It's important to steer children away from superficialities and towards more engaging activities that will enhance community connection. To create a culture of gratitude in society we must all do our part to foster gratitude in young people. It begins with each and every one of us . . . So what are you grateful for today?



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

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

School Photos



COMING SOON:

Tuesday 15th September 2020 | Wednesday 16th September 2020 | Thursday 17th September 2020

Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **23.09.2020** Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call our office on 9240 8000

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note: Individuals and Family Photos are *not* available to view online

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 to 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

Geographe Education Support Centre

is excited to relaunch

Coffee Club

A wonderful opportunity for families to get together with other families and share a coffee, a slice of cake and a chat.

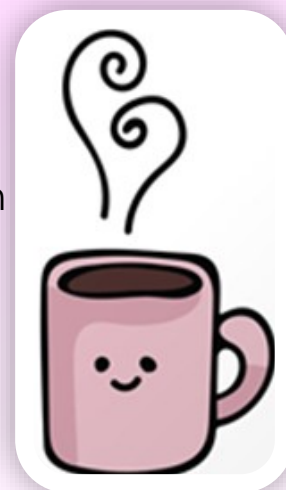
We hope you can come along.

When: Monday 31st August 2020

Where: GESC Primary Campus Multipurpose Room

Time: 11:30am

RSVP: Alison Kerimofski on 9754 0103



CASUAL BUS TRAVEL

With some of our students intermittently catching buses to go to a friend's house, or for other events, Shepherdson Transport would like to share the below information with you. Please note that any queries regarding this service must be directed to Shepherdson Transport, as detailed below.

Shepherdson Transport's "casual travellers' policy is:

"Any student wishing to travel with a registered student on one of our buses, must hand deliver a note to the driver, with details as below:"

Request for Casual Bus Travel Form

Date of travel: ____/____/____

Students name: _____

Travelling from what School: _____

With whom & to where: _____

Parent contact name & number/s: _____

An email with the same details can be emailed to the Shepherdson's office at shepbus@shepgroup.com.au, however, it is important that the driver receives the written request, which should also be taken to the school office to be stamped and copied.

If the travel is to be a regular event, i.e. a set afternoon every week to attend sports, dance classes, etc, the request is to go to: School Bus Services, mail: SBSGreatSouthWest@pta.wa.gov.au, stating what bus service and reason.