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Cool Creations



If you have been into the front office lately you would have seen these fabulous Olympic inspired art works created by our Year 6 students. Starting with simplified figures in the style of Olympic Pictograms, they then painted backgrounds to give the effect of motion. The students mixed tints and shades and used analogous colours to create these beautiful artworks.

Our year 3 students also just completed these clay pieces that link to their inquiry of space. They made stars and moons and a bit of love to add to our universe. This week we will practise plaiting to hang these gorgeous clay pieces. That will be displayed at



the Margaret River Ag Show.



Swimming Carnival

Thank you to everybody who was able to come along and help out, or cheer for students at our Year 4 and 6 swimming carnivals today. The Year 5 students are next up tomorrow. We love our swimming Carnival so much because it showcases the warrior spirit within. Students really push themselves to make the distances across a variety of events and it's a great opportunity for personal growth.

Parking Upgrades

Parking facilities along Georgette St and Forrest Rd will be upgraded during the summer holiday break to increase the number of bays for use by parents. Thank you to everybody who has provided feedback about parking facilities via the annual parent survey. This information has been used to make a case for the need for more parking facilities.

Parent Survey

This week you will be sent a link to our online parent survey. It only takes a few minutes to complete and it helps us set the strategic direction of the school and advocate for the needs of our school community. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey this year.

Aaron Thomas, Principal

Merit Certificates

Room 6	Abigail Bailey	Room 18	Harry Cahill
Room 7	Myla Daniel	Room 22	Mavis Watts
Room 7	Jack Wilson	Room 22	Kalani Brown
Room 9	Isabelle Browne	Room 22	Rawand Amedi
Room 9	Gracie Grady	Room 23	Jim Franklin
Room 9	Lola Taylor	Room 23	Olive Hitchcock
Room 14	Zoe Ralston		
Room 14	Summer Chase		
Room 14	Azden Wishart		
Room 15	Bella Williams		
Room 15	Ethan Jackson		
Room 15	Evelyn Tost		
Room 16	Penelope Bruce		
Room 16	Tate Gough		
Room 17	Jahli Sonter		
Room 17	Willloh Robertson		
Room 18	Flynn Roberts		

Faction Point Certificates



Bronze

Kynan Taylor

Alex Mitchell

Violet Fox

Bee Bop A Lula Award

Room 15

Year 2



With Summer just around the corner (hopefully), our canteen has their delicious fruit smoothies back on the menu.

Made up of a fruit of the day, yoghurt, milk and honey, they are sure to be a popular option.

An additional bonus is the BioCup used to serve both the smoothie and the fruit salad can go in the compost.





Fairy Tale Fun

Students in Kindy classes 3 & 4 have been investigating fairy tales, which has led to lots of creative castle box constructions, a princess palace small world play area and some interesting versions of fairy tales, played out in our puppet theatre. The students planted beans and are hoping they have enough magic to grow all the way up to the giant's castle in the clouds.



MUSIC NEWS



What a fun and exciting term we have ahead with lots of things happening!

AG SHOW PERFORMANCE

Our Dreamcatchers Choir, School Bands and Bella Melodias are all performing at the Margaret River Ag Show this year on Saturday 6th November. Notes were sent home last week with students.

PLEASE NOTE : The following performance times are an outline only

12.30 pm	MRPS CHOIR (Dreamcatchers)
12:40 pm	Bella Melodias
ON STAGE	ALL BANDS
12.50 pm	Yeeaaahh Bood!
1.00 pm	Boodji Beats
1.10 pm	Loose Gravel
1.20 pm	Montessori Acoustic Band

1.30 pm	Montessori Rock Band
1.40 pm	Deli Crackers
1.50 pm	River Rascals

2.00 pm All students are to be picked up from the stage area please. For safety reasons NO student will be able to leave the stage area without a parent or guardian to collect them.

CHOIR NEWS

Notes went home for the MRPS Choir about their performances this Term. Apologies the Choir Camp had incorrect dates, a follow up email was sent with the correct information. Students will attend the camp in Busselton on 11th November – 12th November. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

CAROLS IN THE PARK—FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Crazy Crackers Christmas Choir (MRPS CCCC)

This is when all students in the school are invited to join in with the Dreamcatchers to sing at Carols in the Park. Rehearsals will commence week 6 in the Music Room at lunch time - students bring their lunch. (More details to follow)

IMSS SELECTION FOR 2022

The selection process is progressing on time. Nearly all Year 4's have completed the MAI (Musical Aptitude Indicator) to assess Pitch Rhythm and Tunes. Further Assessments will continue over the next few weeks of term and once these are completed an Expression of Interest Letter will be sent home.

2021 PLANNER

Schools should be contacted directly for advice on school development days

Term Four

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	11 Oct Students resume	12	13	14	15 Sporting Options YR 3 Red Cross Incursion	16	17
2	18 Oct Junior Assembly	19 Faction Swimming Carnival YR 4 @12.10-3.10pm YR 6 @ 9.10-12.30pm	20 Faction Swimming Carnival YR 5 @ 9.10-12.30pm	21	22 Sporting Options	23	24
3	25 Oct Senior Assembly Graduation Photos	26	27 YR 6 & Rm 10 Civics Incursion	28	29 Sporting Options	30	31
4	1 Nov	2 YR 4 Adopt-a-Spot	3 School Board meeting 5pm	4	5 Sporting Options	6 Choir Band Bellas @MRShow	7
5	8 Nov Combined Assembly	9 Graduation Photos for IMMS & Choir	10	11 Dreamcatchers Camp @ Busselton	12 Junior Faction Carnival	13	14
6	15 Nov	16	17	18	19 Junior Faction Carnival RESERVE DAY	20	21
7	22 Nov YR 6 Camp	23	24	25	26 YR 6 Go Kart Day	27	28
	Junior Assembly	IMSS Parent meeting 5-6pm	YR 3 Bioblitz				
8	29 Nov Senior Assembly	30	1 Dec School Board meeting 5pm	2	3 Volunteer Morning Tea	4	5
9	6 Dec YR 4/5 Award Ceremony	7 Kindy concert	8 YR 1 Awards	9 YR 2/3 Award ceremony Kindy Concert	10 YR 6 Graduation Award Ceremony Carols in the Park	11	12
10	13 Dec Combined Assembly	14 Pre-Primary concert	15 Reports home	16 Students last day	17 Teachers last day School Development Day	18	19
H	20 Dec	21	22	23	24	25 Xmas Day	26
H	27 Dec Xmas Day public holiday	28 Boxing Day public holiday	29	30	31	1 Jan New Year's Day	2

Start and End of Term
 Public Holidays
 School Holidays (students)
 School Development Days

Student Health and Wellbeing

MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:

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

VALUE

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.

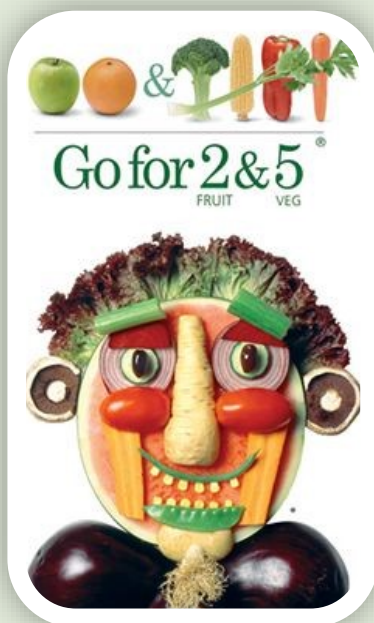
Remember that a tree that isn't flexible or won't bend is easily broken.



SDERA

This term there will be inspiring and interesting information and facts to promote you and your family's health and wellbeing. Research indicates that eating well and being active are critical to your health and wellbeing in both short and long term. It also has a significant impact on children's performance at school and mindset maturing. There also will be some tips and ideas to practise mindfulness in your lives.

The school day is busy filled with learning new concepts and material with lots of physical activity. Food is fuel for your children's bodies, so they can concentrate and absorb all information and instructions throughout the day. Healthy food provides your child with energy and nutrients to get them through the day. Healthy eating habits begin at home, play a role in supporting and ensuring your children the importance of making healthy food choices. Children should eat a wide range of foods so that they have the energy for learning and growing. An astounding low number of Australian children – only 1 in 16 – meet the recommendations for vegetable intake.



Nutrition and physical activity messages are being taught in our classrooms to promote healthy lifestyles, you can help us by putting healthy foods in their lunch boxes. Some tips are to grate some vegetables like carrot, zucchini etc. into snacks and dinners. If stuck for ideas, you can visit our MRPS Kitchen Garden Facebook page, Terri and Jodi share pictures and information about what is happening in our garden and kitchen and healthy eating ideas. Terri is also putting an article in the Mail newspaper to guide and help you on what to plant and how to look after your garden. You can even google healthy lunch box ideas. Encourage your children to help in the garden and kitchen at home. Inspire each other looking through healthy recipes for their lunch boxes or afternoon snacks together, special bonding time.

The best way to try and avoid ill health physically and mentally is to eat a balanced diet, get plenty of sleep, stay fit and healthy and exercise regularly. Here's to eating 5 vegies and 2 fruit daily.

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

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

Sporting Options are back...



Sporting Options for our Years 4– 6 started again last week with something for everyone—including Tennis, Mountain biking, Skateboarding, Ninja, Bush walking, and Surfing.

Pictured are surfing students preparing for their first lesson immersed in our beautiful ocean landscape.

Margaret River Primary School 'Sporting Schools Program'

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Term 4, 2021 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 1 Term 4 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 if you would like your child involved in the Monday session (Friday's session does not need a return slip) and return to the **FRONT OFFICE** as soon as possible.

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.

My child _____ Year _____ Room _____ is interested in participating in the Sporting Schools Program on:

Monday pm 3.20pm to 4pm

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.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

St John of God, the Shire, Open the Gate and Margaret River Holiday Homes are very fortunate to partner together to bring you the following training opportunities, in Margaret River, in the coming three months. This is a rare opportunity.

Each session has a different focus. Two are for two full days, so please only register if you are able to attend for the full two days.

Spaces are limited so first to register will have a place.

Applied Suicide Intervention Training (ASIST) – 2 day course

Participants learn to recognise when someone may be at risk of suicide and respond in ways that help increase their immediate safety and link them to further help. ASIST aims to enhance a caregiver's abilities to help a person at risk to avoid suicide.

Margaret River, **21 and 22 October 2021**, 9 am to 5 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/livingworks-asist-margaret-river-tickets-168516526467>

Mental Health First Aid Australia Training Course: Conversations About Suicide – 4 hours

This 4-hour training course is suitable for any interested adult. You will learn the skills and acquire the knowledge required to safely have a conversation with a suicidal person. You will learn how to identify warning signs for suicide, and how to confidently support a person in crisis.

Margaret River, **4 November 2021**, 9 am to 1 pm

<https://events.humanitix.com/conversations-about-suicide-margaret-river-november->

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – 2 day course

The Youth MHFA course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

Margaret River, **29 and 30 November 2021**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-mental-health-first-aid-margaret-river-tickets-169242826851>

Small changes,
big differences.



Helping your children learn to manage anxiety

**Fear-Less Triple P seminar (for parents of children
7-14 years)**

The Power Of Positive Parenting

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents and helps them to **DATE Thursday 28th October 2021**

learn new cognitive behavioural strategies for
anxiety management, encouraging them to apply
these themselves for all their children.

TIME 9.10- 11.00 am

VENUE T2 Margaret River Primary School

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Please RSVP to Margaret River Primary School Administration by Monday 25th October 2021 Ph: 97578500

www.triplep-parenting.net





KIDS' ADVENTURE EVENT

6 NOVEMBER 2021 • EAGLE BAY, WA

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A super fun running and obstacle adventure challenge for kids!

- For kids aged up to 13yrs
- Non-competitive, everyone can do it !
- Part of the Eagle Bay Epic adventure weekend
- At the Eagle Bay Brewing Co.









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Busselton Margaret River Junior Cricket Association Cricket Blast



With programs to suit all ages, all abilities, mixed teams, and all girl's options, there are programs to suit everyone.

Discover how cricket has changed to include

- ✓ Shorten game times
- ✓ Weeknight options
- ✓ Modified ground sizes
- ✓ Everyone gets to bat, bowl and field
- ✓ Play with your friends
- ✓ Being active and developing your skills

Visit www.play.cricket.com.au and search for your local club and discover the programs they offer.

Cowaramup Cricket Club
Dunsborough Cricket Club
Georgiana Molloy Anglican School
Margaret River Cricket Club
St Mary's Cricket Club
Vasse Cricket Club
YOBS Cricket Club

JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



>>FREE EVENT T-SHIRT & FINISHER MEDAL FOR THE FIRST 400 ENTRANTS <<

Please note, this is NOT a race; it is purely participation based to get the kids involved in this inspiring event.

KIDS ADVENTURE CHALLENGE - EVENT DETAILS:

- **What:** 4km obstacle and adventure challenge that involves obstacle course type activities in a bush and farmland

environment

- **When:** Saturday 6 November 2021
- **Where:** Eagle Bay Brewery, Eagle Bay, WA
- **Cost:** \$38 entry includes event t-shirt (first 400 entrants only), finisher medal, race plate and fruit at the finish.
- **How:** We strongly encourage that you enter online at www.eaglebayepic.com.au (and guarantee a t-shirt)

Please note, this is NOT a race; it is purely participation