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## Uniform Shop

Tuesday & Thursday

8.30am—11.15am

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# WONDERFUL WHARNCLIFFE

On Thursday and Friday last week, the Year 4's, along with some lucky Year 3's and 5's, went on the annual Bike Camp to Wharncliffe Mill. When the students arrived, they played on the playground and had some recess and lunch.

Ange and Drew visited the students to run some interesting talks on local Indigenous culture and looking after our local environment. After the guest speakers left, the students got to choose between three fun activities. Stay at camp to do craft and games, ride some of the Rails to Trails or go extreme mountain biking in The Pines. All three activities were lots of fun.

When everyone got back, the teachers gave some instructions to set up swags, mattresses and dorms, then the hamburgers were cooked and eaten. Madagascar was the chosen movie and Milo and cake were served up not long before bed. A family of possums made it hard to settle but eventually everyone got a few hours of well needed sleep.

The next morning, everyone got up early and packed up their gear. After a short ride to the Western Playing Fields, the bikers were glad to see an array of fruit and hotdogs being prepared by some helpful parent volunteers. Mr Yates had set up lots of fun games to play and the afternoon took care of itself. After more snacks, everyone rode back to school and went home for a well-deserved weekend.

It was an awesome camp and the students are very thankful to everyone, parents and teachers, for organising and volunteering.

By Adele Robb, Maya Forte and Maple Pateman.



## Health and Safety at School

The Department of Health is the lead agency in providing advice to schools in relation to health, infectious diseases and Coronavirus COVID-19. We are updated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and have been told that any specific changes to levels of safety will be communicated in addition to these times. The most current advice that we have received is:

*Students or staff cannot attend school and need to self-quarantine if they have:*

- left or transited through **mainland China** in the last 14 days, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the date of leaving mainland China;*
- left or transited through **Iran** on or after 1 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving Iran;*
- left or transited through the **Republic of Korea**, on or after 5 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving the Republic of Korea;*
- left or transited through **Italy**, on or after 11 March, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving **Italy**. People who left or transited through Italy prior to 11 March, should monitor symptoms and seek medical attention should they feel unwell; and*
- been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.*

*Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.*

*The above also applies to all parents/carers, contractors, visitors and volunteers on school sites.*

*Parents/carers and staff should notify their school or line manager if the student or staff member will be away for the isolation period and confirm the date in which they were last in mainland China, Iran or the Republic of Korea. A medical certificate is not required to return to school.*

*All returned travellers who have travelled in or transited through “higher risk” countries or a country considered to pose a “moderate risk” of transmission in the last 14 days should self-monitor for symptoms and immediately isolate themselves if they become unwell.*

<b>Higher Risk</b>	<b>Moderate Risk</b>
<p><b>Can attend school, but self-monitor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italy</li> </ul> <p><b>Must isolate for 14 days prior to attending</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italy (transited through Italy <b>on or after 11 March</b>)</li> <li>Mainland China</li> <li>Iran</li> <li>Republic of Korea</li> </ul>	<p><b>Can attend school, but self-monitor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cambodia</li> <li>Hong Kong</li> <li>Indonesia (including Bali)</li> <li>Japan</li> <li>Singapore</li> <li>Thailand</li> </ul>

The most up to date list can be accessed at: <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm>

Students are always encouraged at home and school to:

- Frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol-based hand gel
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose
- If coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene, and
- Avoid close contact with anyone if you, or they, have a cold or flu-like symptoms (maintain a distance of at least 1 metre).

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### Traffic Safety

Thank you for not using the staff carpark as a pick up and drop off zone which has been especially important during the road works. There has been a significant reduction in cars attempting to drive through the area and we thank you for your cooperation.

### How Lucky We Are!

Our school is very fortunate to be right in the middle of some amazing natural resources and our students have been making the most of these lately. Year 4 students rode along the Rails to Trails and camped at Wharnccliffe Mill last week as a part of their bicycle safety program. Our Year 6 students have been at the Barret St Weir with the Nature Conservation Foundation learning about the health of the river system. They will be exploring different water catchment areas this year conducting water sampling and making recommendations to the Shire as to how we can best take care of the Margaret River. Year 5 and 6 students are now preparing for the surfing carnival next Friday. Our commitment is to make the most of what we have around us and love being out in the community!

*Aaron Thomas, Principal*

# THE HARMONY OF BELONGING

MRPS is celebrating our cultural diversity on Friday 20th March.

Students can wear orange for the day, an orange hair ribbon or any item of orange clothing.

**PLEASE NOTE -This is not a free dress day otherwise – only if wearing orange.**

The theme this year is 'Everyone Belongs'.

Students from Year 1 through to Year 6 are learning a dance in music and will dance together at lunch time in the assembly area with an extra *Just Dance* disco to follow on the big screen.

Individual Year levels are also conducting activities in their classes.



## Merit Certificates

Room 2	Ruby Almera	Room 17	Taane Kaweroa	Room T12	Matthew Fox
Room 4	Hayden Reid	Room 22	Andie Murphy		
Room 5	Keanu Madaffari—Rowsell	Room 23	Zelie Bryant		
Room 6	Rosie Kelly	Room T2	Mia Edwards		
Room 7	Polly Clifford	Room T5	Jai Dawson		
Room 8	Laiytn Quinn	Room T6	Heston Eastman		
Room 11	Maya Garcia	Room T7	Jesse Haynes		
Room 14	Ted Teasdale	Room T9	Tyler-Rose Parkinson		
Room 15	Reid Byrne	Room T10	Ariya Nock		
Room 16	Billie O'Driscoll	Room T11	Travis Smith		

### Golden Broom Award

Junior Room 7  
Senior Room 11



### Bee Bop A Lula Award

Room 17—Year 2

**LEGO CLUB**

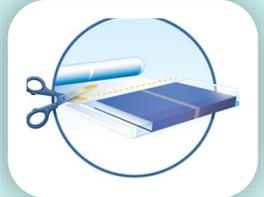
**Monday Lunchtime @  
the Library**

**1.05pm (after you have  
eaten your lunch)**

**All Welcome**

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

If you can spare a few hours, our lovely library ladies would really appreciate some help covering books. If you can help, please pop into the library and speak to Lee or contact the front office on 9757 8500.



# Being Instrumental

Is your child learning a new musical instrument this year? Click this link to find out ways that you can assist in making it an enjoyable and rewarding activity.

<https://www.abc.net.au/classic/read-and-watch/classic-kids/advice-for-parents-whose-child-is-learning-a-new-instrument/12025292>

Classes across the school participated in **Schools Clean Up Day** on Thursday, 27th February helping to keep our school clean and beautiful. This initiative is a great way to inspire students to learn about the impact of rubbish on their local environment while playing an active role in their community. Surprisingly by MRPS, rubbish was found and Mrs Rothwell's Year 4 class collected over 250 pieces!

Year 5 students in Digital Technologies are using the data collected to create infographics

 - watch this space to see the results of rubbish collected on Schools Clean Up Day at Margaret River Primary School!

# Keeping It Clean



# Supplies Sorted

Thank you to Callows for the great job they did supplying our families with the school supply requirements again this year.

With the support from our families the school has been given a cheque for \$1681.70 to put towards curriculum resources and \$500 as a donation to be distributed at the school's discretion for early contribution payment.

Callows have also been generous in donating to the school, BTS starter packs for any of our students who may need them.





Margaret River Primary School  
Parents & Citizens Association



**Seller's  
Fee \$20**

This goes to the  
school fundraising  
and seller keeps  
their profit

# Boot Sale

Cake Stall  
Coffee Van  
Sausage Sizzle

Sunday  
5th April 2020

9am - 12pm  
MRPS School Oval

## Grab a Bargain!

Web and Print Design

Interested in booking a car bay?

Contact Rose on [rpateman@y7mail.com](mailto:rpateman@y7mail.com) or 0409 886 810

The P & C also need volunteers, and there are lots of ways you can help. Make a cake, help with the sausage sizzle or cake stall or assist in the marshalling of cars.

If you can help please click this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/>



**Win**



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## Your Sticker on our Recycling Bin!

Are you in Year 1–6 and can design a sticker to help others make the right choices when putting their waste in our recycling bins? One design from each cell will be selected and printed on stickers to be placed on our school recycling bins.

**USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND GET CREATIVE!**

All art and slogans must be your own. Entries need to be submitted on portrait A4 or A3 paper and completed at home.



### DO

Include on your sticker design:

- Clean Paper
- Clean Cardboard
- Clean Newspaper
- Clean Aluminium Cans
- Clean plastic bottles and containers with the symbols



Submit your design, with your name and class on the back, to the front office by  
Wednesday, 8th April.

## What's on in Semester One . . .

Mon 16th Mar	Junior Assembly	Tue 31st Mar	Senior Championship events Yr 3-6
Fri 20th Mar	Surfing Carnival	Fri 3rd Apr	Senior Sports Carnival Yr 3-6
Mon 23rd Mar	Senior Assembly	Sun 5th Apr	P & C Carboot Sale 9am-12pm
Mon 30th Mar	Combined Assembly	Mon 6th Apr	ANZAC Ceremony

### 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 - "Honesty is the Best Policy."

#### SDERA

Today was National Ride2School Day. It was great to see so many families embrace a healthy start to their day. It's a great way to get out in the great outdoors, breathe in some of the fresh air and enjoy our amazing town.

Please do remember to be a good role model and always wear your helmet when you ride a wheeled device with your child. The earlier children learn the importance of wearing a bike helmet, the more likely they will continue to wear a helmet as they grow older. Be firm in laying down the 'no-helmet-no-ride' rule. Here are some points to remember when riding so your journeys are always safe.

- ⇒ Be aware of all road works.
- ⇒ Anyone eight years and younger should not ride by themselves.
- ⇒ Must wear an approved helmet while in motion.
- ⇒ Cyclists **MUST** get off their bikes when crossing a road. It is the law.
- ⇒ Must warn pedestrians with your bell of your approach.
- ⇒ Stop, and look before you cross the road. Do not rely on your friend for safety.
- ⇒ Must not be more than two bicycles abreast on a road.
- ⇒ Must not ride recklessly or carelessly.
- ⇒ Must use the correct hand signals to turn left or right, and to stop.
- ⇒ Must have at least one hand on the handlebar while in motion.
- ⇒ Talk to your children about road rules and ways to stay safe.

Riders include those on: bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, rip sticks and other wheeled devices. Let's work together to keep our children and young people safe.

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

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





## 2020 AFL Season Club Registrations NOW OPEN

### Margaret River Junior Football Club

Fees for the 2020 season are \$100 per player

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://bit.ly/MRJFC2020>

Registrations close Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, so get in quick!

**This link is for Under 9s, 11s and Under 13s *\*\*Do not use this link for any Auskick Players\*\****

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5-18 years to participate in community sport and recreation by offering them financial assistance towards club fees



**KidSport is NOW ONLINE! Are you eligible?** Visit the website below to apply

<https://kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-2019-1/>

*You must complete this process to get your voucher number before registering online with MRJFC for the 2020 season, otherwise the system will not register your child.*

### First Grading Session

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3:45pm – 5:00pm**

Meet our coaches for the 2020 Season! Bring your mouthguards, water bottle and dust off the footy boots! Get ready to run, have fun and brush up on the footy skills....

- ⇒ **Under 9s** (Years 3/4) will train together on Gloucester Oval (Skate Park end)
- ⇒ **Under 11s** (Years 5/6) together on Gloucester Oval (Footy Shed end) and **Under 13s** (Years 7/8) together on Nippers

### Margaret River Junior Football Club

Needs new parent volunteers to join our Committee, please let us know if you can help in some way or call our MRJFC President Steve Utting 0499 199 365 for more information, no football knowledge is needed. We have a role to suit you, Registrar, Umpire Coordinator, Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator, Events & more.



For any questions or enquires please contact Club Secretary – [Kimmag1@bigpond.com](mailto:Kimmag1@bigpond.com)



## REGISTER NOW FOR NAB AFL Auskick at Margaret River Auskick Centre

**Starting:** Saturday 2nd May 2020—through to Saturday 29th August 2020

**Time:** 8.30am-9.30am

**Cost:** \$100

**Venue:** Nippers Oval—Gloucester Park, Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River, 6285

**Contacy:** Joel Lawrence (Coordinator) on 0409104771 or at [clectablind@westnet.com.au](mailto:clectablind@westnet.com.au)

REGISTER TODAY BY VISITING <https://play.afl/auskick>