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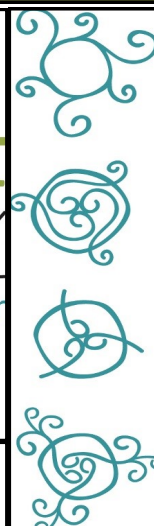
The Uniform Shop  
will be closed for the  
rest of the term.  
We apologise for any  
inconvenience this  
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# HARMONY DAY



Last Friday we had a lovely variety of vibrant orange hues brightening up our day to celebrate Harmony Day.

## WHY ORANGE?

The colour orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.





**Are you OK?**

Three little words can make a huge difference to somebody's life. Make sure that you are checking in with your family, neighbours, mates and anybody else that you come across. We never really know the internal struggles that people might have until times of extreme pressure and I think that now is a pretty important time to check in with each other.

**We are more than bricks walls!**

We really pride ourselves on being a community school and we love having our students out and about in the community. We might not have everybody physically in the buildings but a school is more than that. We aren't sure what the next few weeks or months will look like but we are certain that we can keep our school spirit alive, that there are lots of learning opportunities beyond the classroom walls and that we will be as creative as possible in keeping us all connected. Watch this space!

**Cross Walk on Bussell Hwy**

The traffic works on Bussell Hwy are progressing and to get to the next step the cross walk will be moved a short distance south. It will still be manned every morning and afternoon.

**Thank you for your support**

Thank you to all of the families that have been sending messages of empathy and support to our school staff. We all really appreciate it and wish you and your family the best. See you soon!

*Aaron Thomas, Principal*

# SURF'S UP



On a beautiful morning last Friday Mr Thomas, Mr Gray and Josh Palmateer from Margaret River Surf School coordinated the Faction Surfing Carnival at Inside Grunters beach.

Thank you to all the parents who turned up to show their support and our students who participated with such enthusiasm and comradery.

The winning faction will be announced at our next combined assembly.











# RIDE2SCHOOL



It was so great to see so many of our families participate in Ride2School Day. It is such a fantastic way to kick start the day and establish some healthy habits for the future. Thanks to our councillors for doing such a fabulous job handing out stickers and to all our volunteers who helped with watermelon cutting.



**Win****Margaret  
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SCHOOL**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



**We would still love you to create some designs, but please note that the entry submission date has been extended to Term 2.**



## 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—Tips for Safer Road Use

Unfortunately, each year we hear of incidents where a student has been seriously injured as they make their way to or from school. These incidents may be avoided through road safety education from parents, school staff and students. Here are some key road safety messages for students and parents.

Think of the safest roads to walk or ride around your local area. Where are the safest places to cross the road? Talk to your children about what would be the safest way for you to travel to some of your favourite places e.g. travelling to school, to sport, to your friend's house. What are some risks and hazards you can avoid when planning your journey especially while the road works are happening. As a family plan some safe travel routes to your favourite places.

Crossing Roads - Students should learn the correct road crossing procedure.

- ⇒ STOP – A safe distance from the edge of the road.
- ⇒ LOOK – In all directions for approaching traffic.
- ⇒ LISTEN - For approaching traffic.
- ⇒ THINK – Is it safe to cross the road for everyone?

Children up to 10years of age should be supervised by an adult when crossing the road.

### Driveway Safety

On average, one child is seriously injured by a motor vehicle each week in a family driveway in Australia. Talk to your children about moving to a “safety spot” whenever cars are being reversed out of driveways. Especially being aware of driveways when riding their bikes to and from school.

**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)**

