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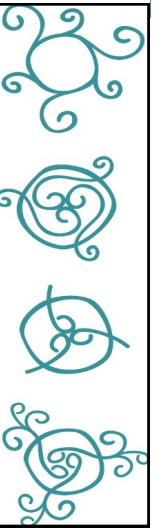
WELCOME BACK  
TO ALL OUR  
FAMILIES NEW  
AND OLD



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# GROWING TOGETHER

Over 200 students start the Kitchen Garden Program this week. Year fours begin in the kitchen and the year fives will be in the garden.

If you'd like to volunteer your time **IN THE GARDEN ONLY** please contact your child's teacher or send a message via socials on Facebook or Insta to MRPSkitchengarden.

Please note: Garden volunteers MUST sign in and out of the front office, wear a mask and follow social distancing protocols amongst other adults please.

Volunteering in the Program allows you to:

- spend quality time with your child (or not - you don't need to have a child in the program to volunteer);
- pick up some gardening tips;
- meet like-minded people;
- perhaps share your skills and knowledge with the kids.

Once a year or once a week - we are grateful for any time you may be able to give.

Exposure to growing, choosing, preparing, and eating fresh, seasonal food is what our Program is all about and this photo certainly encompasses that. Pre-Primary's Anouk Hartwig-Boutkan is looking very happy with her choice of a white zucchini selected from the garden's Roadside Honesty Stall.

Here's to a great start to our Kitchen Garden Program and what is sure to be another wonderful year.

Terri Sharpe (Program Coordinator)



**Welcome Back**

It's been awesome seeing so many smiling faces returning to school this year. Welcome to all of our new families and to all of our Kindergarten students who are having their first experiences at school. We hope that you enjoyed some time with your family over the summer break and that you are looking forward to being a part of the school community this year.

**Contact Details**

If you have recently changed your email address or your mobile phone number can you please contact the office and update these details. Important school communications are sent out via SMS and followed up with an email.

**P&C Car Boot Sale**

The P&C car boot sale has been postponed until later this year. The decision was made to limit the interactions of large numbers of school families. We appreciate the support of the P&C and we are looking forward to going ahead with the car boot sale as soon as we can.

**COVID Safety**

Thank you to everybody for working with us as the landscape continues to change in terms of which activities can and can't occur at schools. Schools have been told to expect conditions to continue to change over the coming weeks. We appreciate that some of the protocols are difficult for families. We understand because they are difficult for us too. What we need to keep in mind is the intent of the regulations which is to keep students, staff and families healthy which means less time away from school for students and staff.

In the event of a positive case in our school, we will be notified by the Health Department and then we will follow the directions of the Department of Education. This response could vary between schools and individual cases within a school depending on the circumstances of each case. We acknowledge that there could even be circumstances where community members are aware of positive cases before the school has even been notified. In this event, we will contact the Health Department and the Department of Education and we appreciate your understanding of the timelines and processes that they will ask us to follow. Our commitment to you is that we will make all of our decisions in the best interest of everybody's safety and wellbeing.

***Aaron Thomas, Principal***

**2022 Class Meetings**

We usually start the school year by inviting parents to a whole class meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers and find out about the routines and expectations in each room. Unfortunately we are unable to host parent meetings at this time.

Each classroom will be providing you with the details that they would have otherwise shared at a class meeting by the end of next week. This will include details of how to contact your class teacher.



# LIBRARY NEWS

Our librarian's, Lee and Carolyn, have been busy getting the library ready for this year. There is a great range of new books to borrow and popular series have been re stocked and are ready to go. Please check in with your teacher for your child's library day as they will need to bring a library bag to borrow books. School library bags are available to purchase from the front office. If you have any spare bags at home, Lee and Carolyn would appreciate these to be kept as spares.

This year the library will be open for students at lunchtime on:

Monday: Lego Club and Books

Tuesday: Pokémon Club

Friday: Books and Board Games

The library is also open every morning from 8:30-9:00am for those students who would like to exchange their books before their class library session.



## Music update

### CHOIR and BANDS

Unfortunately we are unable to kick off the year with the choir or our school bands, but will be back in action as soon as is possible.

**IMSS** All Year 5/6 IMSS lessons began this week, Monday 7th February. You can find the timetables on the Music Room noticeboard and room T10 where the lessons are held. Hopefully all students have checked their lesson time and day.

- ◇ Monday Brass commences at 8.30am in T10
- ◇ Tuesday Woodwind commences at 8.30am in T10
- ◇ Wednesday Percussion (Yr 5) commences at 9:00am in Music Room
- ◇ Thursday Percussion (Yr 6) commences 8.30am in Music Room
- ◇ Thursday Guitar 8.00am in T10



### WIN YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS BACK

In the next week you should receive a statement in the mail outlining your school contributions. Pay these by Friday 8th April to go in the draw to win your child's fees back.

One child's name is drawn from each year level to receive a refund of their contributions.

Payments can be made at the front office or via online banking  
BSB: 016 520 ACC: 108274409 REF: Name/contribution



## 2022 PLANNER

## Term One

W k	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
H	24 Jan	25	26 Australia Day	27 School Development Day	28 School Development Day	29	30
1	31 Jan Students resume	1 Feb	2	3	4	5	6
2	7 Feb	8	9	10	11 Sports Training	12	13
3	14 Feb Junior Assembly (Online - details TBC)	15 Surfing Carnival	16	17	18 Sports Training	19	20
4	21 Feb Senior Assembly (Online - details TBC)	22	23	24	25 Sports Training	26	27
5	28 Feb Swimming Lessons Years PP, 3, 5 and Rooms 1,7, T7	1 March	2	3	4 School Development Day (Pupil Free)	5	6
6	7 March Labour Day	8 Swimming Lessons Years PP, 3, 5 and Rooms 1,7, T7	9	10	11 Sports Training	12	13
7	14 March Junior Assembly (Online - details TBC)	15	16	17	18 Sports Training	19	20
8	21 March Senior Assembly (Online - details TBC)	22	23	24	25 Sports Training	26	27
9	28 March	29	30 Championship Events Yr 3 -6	31	1 Sports Carnival Years PP- 6	2	3
10	4 April Combined Assembly	5	6 Autumn Fair TBC	7	8 Students last day Carnival Reserve Day	9	10
H	11 April	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16	17
H	18 April Easter Monday	19	20	21	22	23	24

Start and End of Term

Public Holidays

School Holidays (students)

School Development Days



# UNIFORMCONCEPTS

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPER STORE

Margaret River Primary School uniforms are available from the Uniform Concepts Super Store located at 33 Bussell Highway, West Busselton, WA 6280. There are samples of uniforms in all sizes with plenty of fitting rooms to enable students to try on garments.

Online ordering is also available with the option of

- Free delivery every Wednesday to the school (during Term time only) for all orders placed by 1pm on Tuesdays
- Click & Collect from our Busselton Store
- Delivery to your home or workplace for just \$10

Layby facilities are also available to assist with spreading the cost of uniform purchases.

### OPENING TIMES

Tues, Wed, Thur: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Sat: 9.00am – 12.00pm

### Contact details:

Phone 9270 4663 Email [Busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au](mailto:Busselton@uc.nellgray.com.au)

### HAVE YOU ALREADY ORDERED?

We have a lot of uniform orders waiting to be picked up from the front office. If you have been notified by Uniform Concepts that your order has been delivered, then please pop in and see the front office ladies to collect it.



## CANTEEN VACANCY

Margaret River Primary School is looking for a canteen assistant. The shift is every Friday for 5 hours from 8.30/9.00am to 1.30pm. The position is for term times only starting immediately and is ongoing. The pay is award rates. If you have previous canteen or kitchen experience and are interested, we would love to hear from you. Applicants must have a current Working With Children Card and Proof of Covid Vaccination to comply with current rules. Please contact Zoey on [canteen@mrpspandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@mrpspandc.org.au) with a current resume and contact details.



## Student Health and Wellbeing

*MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:*

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

### **VALUE—Respect**

At Margaret River Primary School one of our core values is Respect. This is just another way to say I value and care for you and respect people for their good qualities and or achievements.

Always remember the golden rule "Treat everyone as you want them to treat you". Respect each other's space and belongings because what goes around comes around. Take responsibility for your actions.

You show respect to others when you listen quietly, keep unkind thoughts to yourself, speak kindly to others, willingly share and by using simple courtesies like "Please" and "Thank You."

Remember, that we should fear no one, but respect everyone.

## IN-TERM SWIMMING LESSONS INFORMATION 2022

Our first block of swimming lessons starts in week 5 on 28 February 2022. If your child is participating in this block you would have received a note home last week.

Children must wear bathers while swimming. They may wear rash vests but not T-shirts. Long hair needs to be tied back and jewellery left at home. A towel and plastic bag to put wet gear in at the conclusion of the lesson is essential.

Please ensure that all swimming gear is clearly labelled with your child's name. Each student is required to have swimming goggles for each lesson (these can be purchased from the Recreation Centre or Margaret River Sports Power).

Please be aware that Education Department insurance does not cover personal accidents through misadventure nor loss of or damage to personal belongings.



We have been asked by the Recreation Centre staff to advise that while parents are welcome to attend and watch their child, no parents are allowed on the deck while lessons are taking place. Parents are not permitted to take photos inside the pool area.

## **TRAFFIC WARDEN'S REQUIRED**

Are you, or anyone else you might know, interested in becoming a traffic warden for our school crossings?

To become a Traffic Warden, the applicant must have access to email, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Any applicant signed up in this manner, who is a part of the school community, must reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

Please contact the Children's Crossing Unit on 6274 8731 for all enquiries and additional information.



## School Drug Education and Road Aware

Welcome back, I hope you had a fun and safe holiday season with lots of quality time with your family. While parents and family will always have the primary role in children's safety and wellbeing, education is vital for children and young people to thrive in an increasing complex society. School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) is the State Government's primary drug and road safety education strategy for young people. This programs provides prevention education aimed at keeping our young children safer. Our school implements this Challenges and Choices program as part of our schools EQ health program. Every newsletter there is an article about one of **the 4 focus areas: Passenger & Pedestrian Safety, Safety on Wheels, Resilience and Wellbeing, Drug Education.**

We change focus areas depending on what the Inquiry Topics are within the school. We share vital information and some interesting statistics. The aim of the SDERA program is to educate children and families with the hope of empowering them to make personal and socially-responsible decisions. SDERA aims to actively encourage children across WA to make safer choices by educating on pedestrian safety, passenger safety and rider safety. I hope you and your family learn and maybe develop new skills this year.

### SDERA

This term we will be talking about Resilience and Wellbeing. The past year the world has had many challenges and changes and this has impacted numerous families in several different ways. Resilience is the ability to "Bounce Back" from problems and setbacks. Together we can create resilient kids. It is important for you and your family to learn the personal and social skills that will help become more resilient and cope with problems and difficult situations that may come your way. Let your children make mistakes. By having to overcome normal challenges for their age and understanding that "no-one is perfect", your child will learn how to "Bounce Back" and be more resourceful. By over-protecting your child and doing things for them, you deny your child important opportunities for developing resilience. To be a good friend to others, we start by teaching kids to be a good friend to themselves.

These are the four elements of this topic;

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Social management

The key skills and attitudes that foster resilience are;

Helpful and positive thinking- using brave talk, using humour, thinking "What's wrong with this situation?" NOT "What's wrong with me?" OR "Why me?"

Planning ahead- developing self-discipline, setting goals, being persistent and being resourceful.

Reading emotions- being able to control your feelings and your behaviour, being able to read other peoples' feelings so you can get along with them.

Seeking help- knowing who to talk to when you have problems or difficult emotions, knowing how and when to tell someone how you are feeling.

Courage- developing the habit of overcoming fear and of behaving fairly and thoughtfully. Keep your mind on the positives in your life. We have two kinds of strengths, these are personal strengths such as being kind, and ability strengths such as being a good reader.

***Thank you for playing a vital role in your health and wellbeing education..***

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



# GIRLS ONLY CRICKET BLAST BUSSELTON



**Are you the next Perth Scorchers  
to win the WBBL Trophy?**

**Sign up for our Term 1 GIRLS ONLY Cricket Blast Program**

This GIRLS ONLY Cricket Blast program is the perfect opportunity to discover cricket with your friends, in a safe and fun environment, while developing your cricket skills.

- Ages; 5-12 years old
- When: Thursday 17, 24 Feb & 3, 10 March
- Time: 4.30 – 6 pm
- Where: Vasse Playing Fields
- Cost: \$40 (Inc insurance & program wind up)
- No experience necessary
- All equipment provided

**FREE Come and Try  
on the 17 Feb**

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**Kristy Lind**

[kristy.lind@wacricicket.com.au](mailto:kristy.lind@wacricicket.com.au)

or Phone 0439 725 914

**Register at:**

**[www.play.cricket.com.au](http://www.play.cricket.com.au)**

Search for – WA Cricket Blast Center –  
Busselton & Margaret River

\*Registrations open Thursday 10 Feb



\*With COVID 19 recommendations changing regularly, registrations will open closer to the start date, to allow for any changes which may affect this program