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Tuesday for free delivery to  
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# CONGRATULATIONS

to our newly elected school leaders for 2022!



### STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Hugo Thierfelder

Millie Butcher

Zoe Clemson

Reef Parker

### FACTION CAPTAINS

Lily Smith

Ash Lewis

Emilie Bowden

Sullivan Thomas

Stella Annesley

Tom Horak

Kenzie Mason

Hugh Campbell



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### Thank you

Thank you to all of the families who are working together to keep our community safe by wearing mask and social distancing when on the school grounds. We appreciate the positive messages and kind support that you are sending through to us as we put in place measures across the school that are directed by the Chief Health Officer.

### School Board Meetings

School Board meetings will be held via video streaming this term. If you would like to attend a meeting you are more than welcome and can do so by emailing the school [Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au) to request a link. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2 March at 5pm.

### Building Removals

Two demountable building are being taken away this week and we anticipate the removal of more buildings later this year. We now have 13 less classes than what we did four years ago with less students entering the school through kindergarten because we now have local intake boundaries.

### School Development Day

Margaret River Primary School is holding its next school development day (pupil free day) on Friday 4 march. Staff use these days for professional learning and to plan for learning based on the analysis of student achievement data. The office is open this day and all staff will be on site.

*Aaron Thomas, Principal*

## Merit Certificates

Room 1	Indi Johnstone	Room 14	Lenny Joliffe	Room T4	Polly Castle
Room 1	Zoe Clemson	Room 15	Juno Kerr	Room T4	Jovie Robinson
Room 4	Lennox Yates	Room 15	Ruby Perdue	Room T5	Flow Butron
Room 4	Charlotte Cook	Room 15	Noa Sheedy-Ryan-Bell	Room T5	Violet Fox
Room 5	Zac Reid	Room 16	Kier Barton	Room T6	Tyler Jarrett
Room 5	Leo Cassidy	Room 16	Enid Walters	Room T6	Alice Santich
Room 6	Ethan Jackson	Room 17	Ember Duxfield	Room T7	Angus Morrell
Room 6	Lenny Tupman	Room 17	Jack Shuard	Room T7	Ava Zan
Room 7	Alex Griffiths Varin	Room 17	Ruby Carbone	<b>BEE BOP A LULA</b>	
Room 9	Kaia Alcock	Room 22	Sophie Solonec	Year 1—Room 23	
Room 9	Lucas Chalmers	Room 22	Ariana Williams	Year 5—Room T2	
Room 10	Jai Walsh	Room 22	Stella Evans	<b>GOLDEN BROOM AWARD</b>	
Room 10	Vida Guiss	Room 23	Saara Collins	Week 1 & 2	
Room 11	Lucas Church	Room 23	Molly Clarke	Junior—Room 15	
Room 11	Beau Stimson	Room 23	Zahki Cunningham	Senior—Room 12	
Room 12	Remy Lentjes	Room T2	Ivy Braithwaite	Week 3	
Room 12	Hunter Anderson	Room T2	Haven Duxfield	Senior—Room T4	
Room 14	Willow Gardener	Room T3	Che Eggleston		





# Wave Warriors

## Surfing Carnival

Our annual faction surfing carnival was held at Inside Grunters beach last Tuesday under brilliant blue skies with perfect offshore winds and perfect sized waves. 28 students surfed in teams of four with points contributed to their faction's total for the day. No individual scores are shared as we create a safe environment for people to experience what a surfing competition is about – which is having fun! Josh Palmateer Surfing Academy provided coaching for the students on the shore and in the water with coaches in the lineup on boards to lend a hand. Water Patrol Australia were contracted to provide jet ski safety for the day. It was a day of firsts for so many of the young surfers. First day on a fiberglass board, first day going left on a wave, first day surfing over reef or first day surfing at Inside Grunters. There were some excellent skills on show from some of the regular surfers too with Sun Faction collecting the most points across the day. Warrior awards were presented to students who never gave up, challenged themselves, tried hard to improve and focused more on the team than themselves. A special congratulation to the *Ultimate Warrior* Zoe Clemson who exemplified these values all day and was rewarded with a competition jersey worn by World Championship surfer Bronte Macaulay at an event on the tour last year.







# More Wave Warrior photos





# MUSIC NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Keeping you updated...



## IMSS (Instrumental Music Student Services)

All IMSS lessons have commenced for Years 5/6.

Students in year 6 automatically continue their instrument in 2022. Year 6's have now purchased their own instrument for 2022 and if necessary please see me if you have any concerns, help is always available if required.

Year 5 students received their requirement list for their instrument at the end of 2021. Purchases are available locally and in Busselton.

Please keep in contact with your child's Instrumental teacher. Their journal is a great way to do this.

Timetables are on the Music room noticeboard and on the window of room 18.

We welcome our new Instrumental Teachers – Renee, Karen and Michelle.

Welcome back Sunny and Bruce.

Monday – Brass (Renee De Voogd) Room 18

Tuesday - Woodwind (Sunny Hardy) Room 18

Wednesday -Year 5 Percussion (Karen Niedermeyer) Music Room

Thursday- Year 6 Percussion (Michelle Spriggs) Music Room

Thursday- Guitar (Bruce Godden) Room 18

All lesson times are rotated each term.

## CHOIR

MRPS Choir (Dreamcatchers) had just begun to form for 2022 when restrictions stopped us in our tracks.

CHOIR is open to all students from Years 3-6 and will resume as soon as possible.

Our performances are on hold for now. Watch this space...

There are several Choir shirts that have not been returned from 2021. If you have a shirt, please return it.

Thank you.



MRPS ROCK BANDS & BELLA MELODIAS (Vocal ensemble)

Bands got off to a roaring start and then the fun started!

Restrictions have meant that our amazing bands can't continue for the moment, however, they will.

Thank you for prompt payments to your band coaches. (Graeme Smailes or Tony Lane). Monies paid will be credited when band resumes...

Bella Melodias coach Andrea Manners has taken leave for Term 1. Andrea is a WAPPA trained vocalist and has worked with students from Years 5/6. Watch this space.

Pictured here with band coach Graeme and the fabulously talented kids from the band Yeahh Bood!!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any music queries.

*Helen Collis (Ms. Hel Bel)*

*Music Specialist MRPS, Level 3 Teacher*



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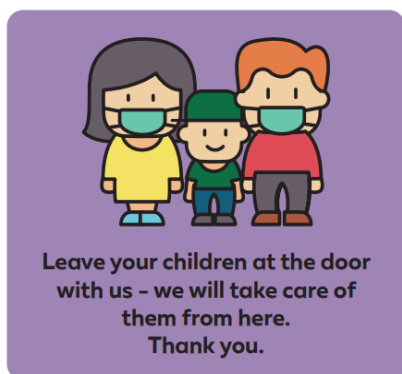
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**Hello.**

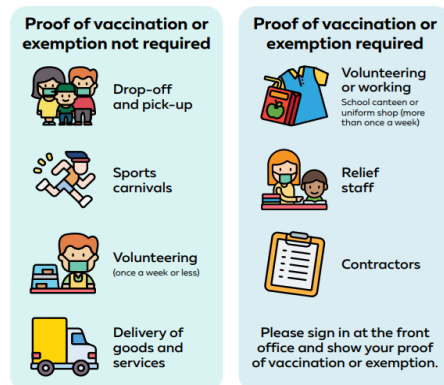
COVID-19 school visitor information



Based on current public health advice as at 7 February 2022.

**Hello.**

COVID-19 visitor information



Thank you for helping reduce the transmission of COVID-19.  
Please ask at the front office if you have questions about showing your COVID-19 evidence or exemption.  
[education.wa.edu.au](http://education.wa.edu.au)

Based on current public health advice as at 9 February 2022.

**Please wear a face mask on school grounds.**

Thank you for helping reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

# Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

## Update your email and phone number via the office.

## Familiarise yourself with the MRPS Distance Learning Guide.

## Look out for SMS alerts from MRPS.

In the event of a positive COVID case within our school we will communicate with families via text message and email. *Distance Learning* resources will be sent home to students if they are required to isolate. Community members may be aware of positive cases before the school is notified but we ask you to trust us to communicate the information that we have and we promise you that we will be acting with the best interests of your family at the heart of all that we do.





### Online Assemblies

As we can't bring large groups of students together we have been holding our assemblies via video streaming. Every classroom has a large interactive panel that works perfectly for events like this. Student councillors and faction captains present the assembly from the office and then visit classrooms to shake the hands of those students who have been awarded merit certificates. Even though we don't all have the opportunity to come together in one space, we are finding new ways of working around these challenges. Unfortunately we aren't able to stream events outside the school to parents but we look forward to being able to welcome you back to assemblies later this year.



### Reminder

**FRIDAY 4th MARCH IS A  
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT  
DAY**

(Yes, making it a lovely 4 day long weekend  
with Monday 7th being Labour Day)

### 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.

Contact Zoey on [canteen@mrpsandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@mrpsandc.org.au) with a current resume and contact details.



### REMINDER

**SWIMMING LESSONS START NEXT  
WEEK 28th FEBRUARY**

### **LIBRARY BAG REMINDER**

Just a gentle reminder from our lovely library ladies that all students need a library bag to be able to borrow from the library. A lot of students are still turning up with no bag.

MRPS Library bags are available to purchase from the front office for \$11 and come in a range of bright colours.

Alternatively, you can supply your own bag, please ensure that it is waterproof to provide adequate protection for borrowed books.

Thank you



### **Margaret River Primary School 'Sporting Schools Program'**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This term 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 Five (28th February) Term One 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 which day you prefer but this will depend upon spaces available and return to the **FRONT OFFICE** as soon as possible.

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ room \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in participating in the Sporting Schools Program on:

**Please circle one day only**

Monday pm 3.20pm to 4pm

OR

Friday Lunch time 1.05pm to 1.50pm

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.**

*Mandy Sinclair, Physed Teacher*



### Student Health and Wellbeing

*MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:  
Cooperation, Empathy, **Enthusiasm**, Flexibility, Honesty and Respect*

#### Value—Enthusiasm

One of Margaret River Primary School Virtues is Enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is when we have a strong liking for, or interest in something. We can display enthusiasm in our schoolwork by trying extra hard and listening carefully to instructions when the teacher is talking to the class. Enthusiasm is—putting your whole heart into what you do; Treating every job as important; Having a can-do attitude; Having fun and being enthusiastic.

Remember, even greater things can be achieved with enthusiasm.

### SDERA

This term's topic is about "Safety on Wheels" and "Passenger & Pedestrian Safety". Every day we have numerous children using wheeled devices to get to school. Cycling, riding and other wheeled devices are healthy and environmentally friendly activities, as well as being convenient modes of transport. We are very lucky to have so many nature tracks and cycling paths in Margaret River with such impressive scenery.

Before you start, you have a check list.

**Please** remember to go through these safety precautions regularly;

- Check that your child has a fitted helmet and protective gear
- Make sure wheels spin freely
- Check tyres (worn or flat)
- Fix any loose wheel nuts or broken spokes
- Are the brakes working?
- Make sure chain is clean and can move freely, it should be kept lightly oiled.
- Has your bike got reflectors? They should be at the front and back of the bike.
- Does your bell still work?
- Check there are no sharp edges

That's it – you're done! Did your child's bike or wheeled device pass the safety check? OK, off you go for a ride. If not, get it repaired straight away. Don't risk their safety.



***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)

### WIN YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS BACK



In the last few weeks you would have received a statement in the mail outlining your school contributions. If you pay these by Friday 8th April, you 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

# YOUTH GIRLS

## Four (4) Week Girls Development Program

Targeting all Girls **Y6 to Y9**, whether it will be your first time giving Footy a go or you have played juniors and are interested in an all girls training experience to build on your footy skills and have some fun!

**Every Friday from the 25th February**

4pm–5pm, meet at Gloucester Oval in front of the Footy Club. It is a **FREE** program. If you can't make a session, join in on the ones you can!



### Y8/Y9 Youth Girls Coach Chloe McGill

will lead the girls in drills and activities with the support of mentors from the AMR Community, over the four weeks.



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## 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.

