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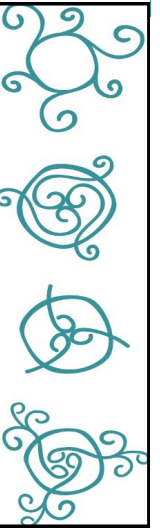
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# Harmony Happiness

Celebrated on Monday the 21st March, Harmony Week is all about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, uniting us by a set of core Australian values.

This week our cute little Kindy kids celebrated the day by dressing in all hues of orange and enjoying a variety of orange foods under the beautiful colourful banners that they had made. Pictured here are students from K3.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony week as traditionally, it signifies social communication, meaningful conversation and the freedom of ideas. All things we strive to achieve as we grow and learn together.



### Sports Carnival

We know that the sports carnival is a favourite, and an important, event on the school calendar every year. This year we have been planning to hold the carnival with all of our year levels on the same day as we now have the space and time with a reduction in the total number of students at our school. Students have been training each week and are ready to go. The decision to go ahead with our sports carnival has been taken after consideration of a number of factors that exist in the current 'Very High Caseload' setting as outlined by WA Health, and in consultation with staff. We appreciate that a number of schools have taken the decision not to hold carnivals and it is important to understand that these decisions are based on the local context of each school. We know how much everybody values the day so we have developed a series of contingencies that will allow it to go ahead safely.

- In the current *WA Health Operating Guidelines for Schools*: "Gatherings of parents/carers on school sites should be avoided". This means that unfortunately parents won't be able to join us this year.
- Students will be kept in year levels to avoid cohort mixing and will rotate through different events throughout the day.
- We will not be setting up faction bays. Sprints will become a rotation activity to avoid mixing year levels and to avoid having large groups of students sitting together.
- Social distancing and mask wearing protocols will be observed as per WA Health guidelines.
- Equipment will be sanitised throughout the day.
- Championship events for Years 3-6 will be held on the Wednesday prior to the carnival under these same conditions.

We aren't able to have you come to the carnival so we have decided to bring the carnival to you. We'll be making a video production of the day that we will be able to share with families after the carnival.

Consideration has been given to postponing the carnival however we don't know what the future WA Health conditions may be later this year and run the risk of not being able to hold a carnival at all. Again, we appreciate that families will be disappointed with not be able to attend but we really want the day to go ahead for our kids who have been training all term.

### ANZAC Service

We will be holding an ANZAC service for our students in the last week of this term via video streaming. Assemblies have been running this way all term with councillors and faction captains doing an amazing job.

### Thank you for Keeping us Updated

We really appreciate the timely phone calls to notify us of positive cases and close contact details. This allows us to make well informed decisions and notify families as soon as possible to limit COVID spread across the school. We appreciate that as conditions have changed families have been asked to process a lot of information. Please call us if you have any questions and we are happy to help however we can.

### Annual Report

Please click the link to access our 2021 Annual Report which is also available on our website [MRPS ANNUAL REPORT](#)

*Aaron Thomas, Principal*

## 2022 Term Dates and School Development Days

8th April—Last Day Term One	19th July—First day Term Three
25th April—ANZAC Day holiday	23rd September—Last day Term Three
26th April—First day Term Two	10th October—School Development Day (Pupil free)
6th June—WA Day holiday	11th October—Students First day Term Four
1st July—Last day Term Two	15th December—Students last Day 2022
18th July—School Development Day (Pupil free)	16th December—School Development Day (Pupil free)

## Back-to-School Winner

Thank you to everyone who purchased their school supplies from Callows Newsagency in Busselton, they generously donate a 20% rebate of the stationary sales back to MRPS every year.

They also run a Back-to-School pre-pack competition for every family who places an order online having their name entered into the draw.



This year's lucky winner was Year 3 student Penelope Bruce, pictured here with her surprise package.



## Merit Certificates

Room 4	Olive Bayley	Room 23	Ted O'Driscoll
Room 4	Harry Shephard	Room T2	Skyler McGuinness
Room 4	Elizabeth Earl	Room T2	Jet Kaew-Ard
Room 5	Barney Chanin	Room T3	Tao Kinney
Room 5	Pippa Haggis	Room T3	Sophia Le Blanc
Room 6	Laiytn Quinn	Room T4	Harper Belbin
Room 6	Demi Chase	Room T4	Max Newman
Room 7	Pippa Packwood	Room T5	Samantha Roddy
Room 7	Ella Sukasana	Room T5	Mason Yates
Room 7	Felix Dudding	Room T6	Edie Byers
Room 9	Jedd Church	Room T6	Niki Ford
Room 9	Peri Craven	Room T7	Lewis Hitchcock
Room 10	Malakai Doepel	Room T7	Zoe Ralston
Room 10	Max Ford		
Room 11	Arki Smilovitis		
Room 11	Sophia Sukasana		
Room 12	Vrit Patel		
Room 12	Zoe de la Mare		
Room 14	Warra Coates		
Room 14	Flynn Roberts		
Room 16	Gracie Grady		
Room 16	Luc Eggleston		
Room 16	Robyn Miles		
Room 17	Jarrah Katona		
Room 17	Jayden Hangartner		
Room 22	Noah Nash		
Room 22	Isabelle Cameron		
Room 22	Archer Wesley		
Room 23	Rosie Ivers		

### Bee Bop A Lula Award

Year 2—Room 14

Year 6—Room 10



### Golden Broom Award

#### WEEK 5

Junior Room 5

Senior Room T3

#### WEEK 6

Junior Room 14

Senior Room T2

#### WEEK 7

Junior Room 4

Senior Room T6



## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

5th, 6th & 7th April 2022



Dear Parents,

Your school photo day is coming! Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a personalised flyer to bring home from Kapture Photography containing your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online.

### KEEP YOUR FLYER SECURE!

*The unique codes contained on the flyer will be issued only once.*

### Order **EARLY** for sibling photography

Sibling photos can **ONLY** be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyers for your children, it is imperative that you order your sibling photo early to avoid missing out! There is a physical limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders **close 12pm midday sharp, one business day prior** to the first photo day.

*The school or the photographers cannot accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.*

### Order **EARLY** for discount photo day prices

Order your photos within 10 calendar days of photo day to receive discount photo day prices. Late orders are handled separately to the school delivery and incur a \$30 custom service charge.

### Other information

Your school will notify you in a few weeks when **team and special group photos** are available to view and purchase on the Kapture website. Please note; class, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please check the FAQ's on the Kapture website.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records **AS WELL** as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot –please contact the school office.

### **If COVID is still active in WA:**

*For the duration of Covid-19 in WA, please be aware that Kapture are following all recommended health guidelines and safe practices. Our photographers are acutely aware of the evolving situation surrounding Covid-19 and abide by each individual school's Covid-19 policies. Where possible, the photographers will use verbal queues and instructions in an effort to uphold our high standard of student presentation. Students may be instructed by photographers to use single use sterile combs, wet wipes or tissues or to fix their own collars, buttons and stray hairs.*



The Year 6 Cape Catchment program started with Nature Conservation's Lauren Scanlon immersing the students with an introduction to our catchment area incursion. The children then walked to the Barrett Street and Rendall Close Weirs and made visual assessments of the surrounding bushland. They conducted a series of tests on water samples to determine the health of the river and surrounding catchment.

### 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



# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 25 March 2022



Join in the celebration and ride, walk, scoot or skate to school on National Ride2School Day.



[ride2school.com.au](http://ride2school.com.au)

## 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

Our Ride to School Day is on Friday 25th March, why don't you embrace a healthier start to your family's day and ride to school. Enjoy the great outdoors and fresh air in our amazing town. But 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 the safe paths and tracks to ride.
- Use your bell to warn others when you are approaching
- 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.
- Stop, Look and Listen before you cross the road. Do not rely on your friend for safety.
- Must not ride recklessly or carelessly.
- Must use the correct hand signals to turn left or right, and to stop.
- Must have hands 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 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)



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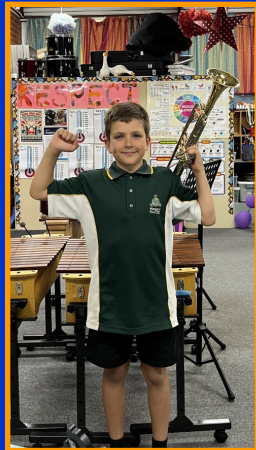
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THIS COMING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 29  
@ 6:30PM  
IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM**



**WINE AND CHEESE PROVIDED:**

*NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME*





Look what's happening in the music room...



PERTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMS

# S·T·R·I·N·G·S

## A QUARTET GONE ROGUE

WED 13 APR, 1PM  
WED 13 APR, 7PM

HEART Main Theatre  
Doors and bar open one hour prior

COME WITH PERTH SYMPHONY AND DELVE INTO THE RARELY SEEN WORLD OF A STRING QUARTET.

**FEATURING**

CHARLIE LIZZEE  
EDWARD BANCROFT

\*SUPPORT ACTS PERFORMING EVENING SHOW ONLY



## Free Music Workshops

Meet the S.T.R.I.N.G.S. Musicians (Under 12s)

Tuesday 12 April  
4pm - 5pm

For primary school aged kids & their parents/guardians. Meet some of the musicians from S.T.R.I.N.G.S. and the music they love to play! A fun interactive workshop with time for questions and getting to know the musicians.



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM [margaretriverheart.com.au](http://margaretriverheart.com.au)

# REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!!



GRADINGS 23/3 AND 30/3  
TEAM TRAINING 6/4  
GAME 30/4



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## Thinking about playing hockey? Come and Give Hockey A Go! FREE SESSION!

*Equipment provided if you haven't got a stick!*

**Come to the Lower Western Playing Field  
Gloucester Park, Margaret River**

### 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm - Tuesday 29 March

- Pre-Primary - Year 2
- Boy/Girls Years 3-5
- Years 6-8/ Years 9-12
- Senior Men / Senior Women
- All Abilities

Registrations Now Open for all Teams!

[www.margaretriverhockey.org.au](http://www.margaretriverhockey.org.au)

