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*CHALK DUST CHATTER*



**AND HOLIDAYS**



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It was important to us that we gave our sports carnival every chance to go ahead and we are pleased that we were able to pull off a slightly modified version this year. The students looked amazing in their faction colours and there was a real buzz around the school. All of the championship events were completed earlier in the week with running races completed on Friday. Lots of classes made the most of the opportunity and squeezed in some extra team events on Friday afternoon. Thank you for your understanding in not being able to attend and we look forward to sharing a video of the day with you soon.



FACTION RESULTS	Year	R/U Champion Boy	Champion Boy	R/U Champion Girl	Champion Girl
1st FOREST	3	Lennox Yates	Raphael Short	Madalynn Burnett	Blossom Worrall
2nd SUN	4	Oscar Edwards	Traiye Quinn	Romy Basford	Abbey Jack
3rd OCEAN	5	Charlie Joyce	Josh Lenton	Tully Evans	Savannah Dowling
4th EARTH	6	Jasper Moran	Cyrus Allen Newton	Daisy Franzinelli	Lily Smith

### Sports Carnival

It was great to see so many students getting into the spirit of the carnival last Friday. Although we weren't able to take part in all of the events there were definitely lots of smiles, loud cheering and students giving their absolute best. Congratulations to our faction captains and councillors who assisted junior classes. Thank you for respecting the restriction on parents attending. We will be able to share a video with some of the day's highlights with you very soon.

### School Board Chair

Ellie Ward has been elected as the new Chair of our School Board. We would like to thank Anthony Dale for his many years of service as a Board member and then Board Chair. Ellie is a secondary English specialist teacher with students at our school and will bring some great insights to the role. Thank you to all of the Board members who have continued their work this term via online meeting platforms. We appreciate your time and contribution.

### What's the Plan for Term 2?

We will no doubt see a number of changes in the operating guidelines for schools over the course of Term 2 as the Chief Health Office adjusts settings in the community. Our commitment is to carry on with as many of our regular school events and activities as possible, within the guidelines that are provided for us. This means that sports options can go ahead next term and that we continue to plan for our school camp. We will be planning on taking part in interschool sport and holding our Fun Run later in the year. We will keep you updated across the term via SMS, email and our newsletters.

### Happy Holidays

We wish you all safe and happy school holiday period and hope that you enjoy some family time together. Many people will be travelling to see family for the first time in months or years and wish you well on your travels. Please make sure that you email the school [Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au) if any students test positive within the last three days of the holiday period so that we are able to prepare for the first day back at school.

*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)



Hello MRPS Community

My name is Lynette Wallis, and I consider it a real privilege to be joining MRPS as the school chaplain.

My family and I have lived in Margaret River for over 10 years now and enjoy the diverse nature of this community. I have a background in Primary School Teaching and have previously worked at MRPS in that capacity.

In my spare time I enjoy volunteering within the community, spending time at the beach, horse-riding and being in the garden.

You may be asking, "What does a school chaplain do?"

The Department of Education states: "The role of a state school chaplain ... is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, parents and staff."

I am passionate about walking alongside children and their families to empower and encourage them in recognizing their value and abilities.

I believe it takes a village to raise a child and that we are better together.

It is my hope that as we seek to build relationships and create community within the school, we can partner with the wider community to experience a sense of belonging, hope and purpose.

I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

You'll find me working within the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays either in one of the classrooms, in the playground or Room 2. If you have any questions, please, come and have a chat. My door is always open.



Every term our lovely cleaners pick a room to be rewarded for being the overall most consistently clean and cared for room in both junior and senior areas. The lucky winners get an ice-cream treat for their efforts.



This term the award goes to,  
drumroll.....

### **ICECREAM AWARD**

Junior Room 5  
Senior Room T5

### **IT'S GETTING CHILLY OUT THERE...**

Just a reminder with the cooler weather becoming more consistent, we have a lot of second hand jumpers for sale. Just pop in and ask the friendly front office team.

New jumpers and jackets can be ordered via the Nell Gray website. Click here to access [UNIFORM ORDERS](#). All orders placed before a Tuesday lunch times will be delivered for free to the school on the next Wednesday.



### **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







# Centennial Celebrations



Recently our Year 4 students from T7 painted five banners for the Margaret River Group Settlement Centenary. Students researched images from the early days of the group settlements in Margaret River and drew ideas for the banners. Sally put the kids ideas together drawing an outline on the banners. The students then worked in groups to mix different values of browns to paint the banners. The Society was very pleased with the results and here is an excerpt of their thank you letter—

*“On behalf of all the Margaret River & Districts Historical Society volunteers we would like to thank all the students and teachers, who participated in creating the wonderful calico banner masterpieces for our special event “The Centennial of Group Settlement” held at the Old Settlement grounds on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.*

*Our Society proudly displayed your banner with several of the other schools banners, but the Primary School banner was near our artefact display that was actually set up by a local family that were first settled in Airdale. The family also paraded down the main street with your banner.”*

**What an awesome job T7!**







# Music Room News

Term 2 excitement is looming!

The MRPS Bands will restart in Week 1 of Term 2. We welcome back students already in bands and any new students should come forward to Ms. Helen if they wish to audition.

If your band payment was made in Term 1 to your coach thank you, and please contact your coach to confirm your credit for Term 2. All outstanding payments would be kindly appreciated by week 2 of Term 2. Thank you very much. The students will perform at Settler's Tavern. (TBC)

**Bella Melodias with Andrea Manners (WAPPA trained vocalist/coach)**

When the Bella Melodias reform (TBA) students from Year 5/6 will be invited to audition

## MRPS CHOIR

Students are excited about Choir returning in Term 2. Restrictions apply, with a maximum number of 32. The concept of returning to two choirs is being considered, a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6...please watch this space for the Year 3/4 MRPS Choir.

In Term 1 Week 2 the Year 5/6 choir will be formed.

A list of names is being compiled for interested students in year 5/6 to add their name to. It is in the music room.

Choir time is full of fun, vocal training, friendships are built, confidence blossoms and everyone is in a safe environment to learn and grow together and it's free! Choir is held on Wednesday's commencing 1.05pm and finishing at 1.40pm.

FYI The five local southwest school Choirs (MRPS, VPS, RLPS, CPS & DPS) known as WATUTTI are tentatively planning their biannual Choral Workshop, overnight camp, and school Tour for later in the year. Fingers crossed!

## Term 2 IMSS (Instrumental Music Student Services)

All timetable/group changes for TERM TWO are NOW displayed on the Music room Noticeboard and Room 18 door. Please remind your child to check their timetable for Term 2 and write any changes in their Music Journal. Thank you.

Many IMSS students are still to purchase their books etc for their lesson, if you are having difficulty locating them etc please contact me.

I would appreciate it if you could kindly share the above information with your child/children.

If they are interested in joining a band or choir, please ask them to pop in and see me in the Music Room by the end of week 1 Term 2. Thank you and have a wonderful, safe, and happy holiday.

Ms Hel Bel (Helen Collis)

## MARGARET RIVER OFFICE PRODUCTS COMPETITION

We are running a colouring competition for all kids over Easter. Come in and collect a colouring picture from our MR Office Products printing desk and return it for a chance to win a prize! We have a range of prizes for all ages. Return it to us in store, or post a picture to our Facebook page to go in the draw. Please include on the back your name, age and phone number. Starting Friday, 1st of April until Easter Tuesday, 19th of April. Prizes will be drawn on Wednesday the 20th. Hop to it!



# It's Not All About Rubbish

Year 2 and 3 students in Room 7 recently attended an incursion, 'The Patti the Pig: It's Not All About Rubbish Kids Show,' supported by the Government of Western Australia, and administered by the Waste Authority. The show toured schools in the Shire of Augusta Margaret River to teach primary school age students through song and dance about the 'Three Bin System' and encouraged them to explore and develop an understanding of the role they can play in looking after their environment. In their words:



*"The costumes were really fun." Bobby*

*"They taught us how to use the bins properly. We also got a colouring sheet." Reef*

*"They showed us what rubbish goes in what bin. We got to be detectives." Pippa*

Thank you to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River for organising this incursion!



# UPDATE



**NEW ALL GIRLS teams! Playing in the SWJFL. The Y6/Y7 AMR Hawks team is going ahead! The support and numbers are there. The Girls Y6/Y7 Coach is Steven Utting. This is in addition to the Y8/Y9 and Y10-Y12 ALL Girls AMR Hawks teams. GO HAWKS!**

***Girls Interested? Register Now!***

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/3ef893>

**Come along to a pre season training, bring a friend. Friday's 4pm, Gloucester Oval meet the Coaches (Y6/Y7 & Y8/Y9). Come and give footy a try, it's loads of fun!**

Any girls wanting to transfer from the mixed junior competition of U13s or U11s get in contact and we can assist with this process, email - [amrjuniorfooty@gmail.com](mailto:amrjuniorfooty@gmail.com)





# Magic Broom Creations



*My truly magnificent broom stick has 2 chairs for friends who come over. On my broom stick I have a bird nest, a pond and a cup holder.*



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*My truly magnificent broomstick has 2 chairs, a nest, a shower and pool and a light.*



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*Students in room 14 recently read and discussed the book 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. They then took on a fun activity in Design and Technology, where they had to design their own 'Magic Broomstick'. Using recycled materials they came up with some very creative and fun results.*

*Students then used PIC-COLLAGE to make these great posters showcasing their designs.*



*My truly magnificent broomstick has a seat, a light, a speaker and a cup holder. It has a comfy cushion*



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*My truly magnificent broom stick has a heated nest to keep the eggs warm. There is a giant pond so the frog can swim around.*



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## Student Health and Wellbeing

*MRPS Code of Conduct incorporates six core values:*

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

### VALUE

#### Cooperation

At Margaret River Primary School, one of our core values is Cooperation, which is where we work together to achieve success. You show cooperation when you work in a small group to accomplish a task, when you allow each person in a group to have a say, for cooperation to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do. Volunteer to do some jobs at home to help your family. When you play a team sport and work toward a common goal. In the playground encourage everyone to join in.

Remember, many hands make light work.

### SDERA

#### ***Tips for Safer Road Use***

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

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. 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.

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

**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?



### Road Safety

Increase road safety awareness by spreading the message of 'Being Seen, Being Safe' and protecting our community's most valuable asset - our children. The Being Seen, Being Safe road safety project by SDERA aims to influence positive road safety behaviour through actions such as reducing speed around schools and staying alert near pedestrians. The purpose of children wearing bright clothing is to make them more visible in the traffic environments. Encourage drivers to use caution and slowdown in built up areas and around schools. Let's work together to keep our children and young people safer. Our state road safety has the vision of Towards Zero – an audacious yet necessary goal. Every year there are families in WA who are touched by road trauma. Through everyone sharing the responsibility and building a culture in our community, it says we won't accept illegal or irresponsible behaviour on our roads.

***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)**



### **COVID Positive Case Close Contact Tracing**

As we all know, there are currently high numbers of COVID-19 positive cases in Western Australia. Our school's priority is the safety of our students and staff. Keeping the community safe is a shared responsibility and I am writing to advise how our school is managing positive cases.

Once the school is aware that a COVID-19 positive student or staff member has been infectious while at school, we will identify close contacts from school and advise them of the testing and isolation requirements. The school is only responsible for identifying close contacts that occur during school and at school-based activities.

When transmission risk is likely (e.g. mask is not worn at all times) through activities outside of school, and a family member becomes COVID-19 positive, parents and carers are responsible for informing friends and community members that are close contacts that they meet the close contact definition.

For example, if a child attended a party at the weekend and tested positive on Monday, the parent/carer should contact anyone they interacted with, where masks were not worn for:

- 15 minutes with face-to-face contact
- OR
- 2 hours in a small room.

The infectious period starts 48 hours before symptoms develop or 48 hours prior to a positive test if the person does not have symptoms. Therefore, anyone who meets the close contact definition above over that weekend should be contacted.

[Healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) has information on close contacts, the close contact definition and isolation requirements should you require further clarity on how to identify a close contact.

Please continue to let us know if your child becomes COVID-19 positive, or if your child is required to isolate due to being a household close contact and we will ensure that Distance Learning packs are provided. We are committed to ensuring students continue to learn and we will provide learning for students should they need to isolate.

**In the event that your child tests positive within the last three days of the school holiday period we ask to please email the school at [Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Margaretriver.ps@education.wa.edu.au) to advise us.**

Thank you for your continued support for keeping our schools COVID-19 safe.

Aaron Thomas  
Principal

### **Reminder—it is school photo week!**

Class days are as follows

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - SIBLINGS A - H , Kindy 1, Kindy 3, Rooms 9, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - SIBLINGS I - P, Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, IMMS students

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April - SIBLINGS Q-Z, Kindy 2, Rooms 1, 10, 11, 12, 14, 19

Click the link below to start your order—the school code is LKMVJN which can be found on your students photo day flyer, along with their unique code **MRPS SCHOOL PHOTO DAY ORDERS**

Please direct all order queries to Kapture [www.kapture.com.au](http://www.kapture.com.au)

They have a great FAQ's section to answer most of your queries—click here to access **KAPTURE FAQ**





**WE WANT YOU!!**

**If you are interested in playing hockey come along to this year's**

**BUSSELTON HOCKEY MUSTER.**

**Hockey is a fantastic winter sport that promotes teamwork, co—ordination and having a good time.**

**Coaches will be on the turf to help teach you some basics, and club reps will be available to answer any questions you may have.**

**OPEN TO ALL AGES PRE\_PRIMARY TO YEAR 12**

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**FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 4.30-5.30PM**

**Busselton Hockey Stadium Bovell Park**

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



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